



**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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02/24/2021

In re:)
) Chapter 11
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BELK, INC., <i>et al.</i> ¹) Case No. 21-30630 (MI)
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Debtors.) (Jointly Administered)
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**ORDER APPROVING THE DEBTORS'
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR, AND CONFIRMING,
THE DEBTORS' JOINT PREPACKAGED CHAPTER 11 PLAN**

The above-captioned debtors (collectively, the "Debtors") having:

- a. distributed, on or about January 26, 2021, (i) the *Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"), (ii) the *Disclosure Statement Relating to the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (the "Disclosure Statement"), and (iii) ballots for voting on the Plan to Holders of Claims and Interests² entitled to vote on the Plan; namely Holders of Claims in Class 4 (First Lien Term Loan Claims) and Class 5 (Second Lien Term Loan Claims) and Holders of Interests in Class 9, in accordance with the applicable provisions of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and the Bankruptcy Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules");
- b. launched solicitation of votes on the Plan on January 26, 2021;
- c. posted, on January 26, 2021, the notice, setting forth, among other things, the date and time set for the Confirmation Hearing and the deadline for filing objections to

¹ A complete list of each of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/belk>. The location of the Debtors' service address is 2801 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined in these findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order (collectively, the "Confirmation Order") have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the RSA, or the Bankruptcy Code, as applicable. The rules of interpretation set forth in Article I.B of the Plan apply.

the Plan and the Disclosure Statement (the “Confirmation Hearing Notice”), the Plan, and the Disclosure Statement, on Prime Clerk LLC’s public website;

- d. distributed, on January 26, 2021, the *Notice of (I) Non-Voting Status to Holders or Potential Holders of Unimpaired Claims Conclusively Presumed to Accept the Plan and Holders or Potential Holders of Impaired Claims Conclusively Presumed to Reject the Plan and (II) Opportunity for Holders of Claims to Opt Out of the Third-Party Releases* (the “Non-Voting Status Notice and Opt-Out Form”);
- e. published, on January 29, 2021, in the *Charlotte Observer* and the *New York Times (National Edition)*, the Confirmation Hearing Notice (the “Publication Notice”), as evidenced by the *Affidavit of Publication* [Docket No. 31] and the *Proof of Publication* [Docket No. 29], filed contemporaneously herewith (collectively, the “Proof of Publication”);
- f. posted, on February 9, 2021, proposed forms of certain of the Debtors’ first-day pleadings on Prime Clerk LLC’s public website;
- g. posted, on February 18, 2021, the *Plan Supplement for the Debtors’ Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (the “Initial Plan Supplement”) on Prime Clerk LLC’s public website;
- h. served, on February 18, 2021, the notice of posting of the first-day pleadings and the Plan Supplement;
- i. posted, on February 22, 2021, the *First Supplement to Plan Supplement for the Debtors’ Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (the “First Supplement to the Plan Supplement,” and together with the Initial Plan Supplement, the “Plan Supplement”) on Prime Clerk LLC’s public website;
- j. posted, on February 22, 2021, proposed forms of the Debtors’ confirmation materials on Prime Clerk LLC’s public website;
- k. served, on February 22, 2021, the notice of the posting of the proposed forms of the Debtors’ confirmation materials and the First Supplement to the Plan Supplement;
- l. commenced, on February 23, 2021 (the “Petition Date”), these chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) by filing voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- m. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Declaration of William Langley, Chief Financial Officer of Belk, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* [Docket No. 8] (the “First Day Declaration”), detailing the facts and circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases;
- n. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Debtors’ Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Scheduling a Combined Disclosure Statement Approval and Plan Confirmation*

Hearing, (II) Establishing Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadlines and Related Procedures, (III) Approving the Solicitation Procedures, (IV) Approving the Confirmation Notice, and (V) Waiving the Requirements that the U.S. Trustee Convene a Meeting of Creditors and the Debtors File Schedules and SOFAs [Docket No. 14] (the “Scheduling Motion”);

- o. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (Technical Modifications)* [Docket No. 10], attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the Disclosure Statement [Docket No. 9];
- p. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Declaration of William Langley, Chief Financial Officer of Belk, Inc., in Support of Confirmation of the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 25] (the “Langley Declaration”);
- q. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Declaration of Jonathan Hickman in Support of Confirmation of the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 21] (the “Hickman Declaration”);
- r. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Declaration of Tyler Cowan in Support of Confirmation of the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 24] (the “Cowan Declaration,” and together with the Langley Declaration and the Hickman Declaration, the “Confirmation Declarations”);
- s. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Declaration of Craig E. Johnson of Prime Clerk LLC Regarding the Solicitation of Votes and Tabulation of Ballots Cast on the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 33], which detailed the results of the Plan voting process (the “Voting Report”);
- t. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Affidavit of Service of Solicitation Materials* and the *Affidavit of Service* (collectively, together with the Proof of Publication, the “Affidavits”);
- u. filed, on the Petition Date, the Plan Supplement [Docket No. 38];
- v. filed, on the Petition Date, the *Memorandum of Law of Belk, Inc., et al., in Support of an Order Approving the Debtors’ Disclosure Statement for, and Confirming, the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 16] (the “Confirmation Brief”); and
- w. operated their businesses and managed their properties during these Chapter 11 Cases as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Court having:

- a. reviewed the solicitation procedures regarding votes to accept or reject the Plan (the “Solicitation Procedures”);
- b. taken notice of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Scheduling Motion, the Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Brief, the Confirmation Declarations, the Voting Report, the Confirmation Hearing Notice, the Affidavits, and all filed pleadings, exhibits, statements, and comments regarding approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation, including all objections, statements, and reservations of rights;
- c. reviewed the discharge, compromises, settlements, releases, exculpations, and injunctions set forth in Article VIII of the Plan;
- d. held the Confirmation Hearing on February 24, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., prevailing Central Time, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 3017 and 3018 and sections 1126, 1128, and 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- e. heard the statements and arguments made by counsel with respect to the approval of the requested relief in the Scheduling Motion, including the approval of the Solicitation Procedures and the confirmation schedule;
- f. entered an order granting the Scheduling Motion (the “Scheduling Order”);
- g. heard the statements and arguments made by counsel in respect of approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation;
- h. overruled any and all objections to the Plan and Confirmation thereof and all statements and reservations of rights not consensually resolved or withdrawn unless otherwise indicated;
- i. considered all oral representations, testimony, documents, filings, and other evidence regarding approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation; and
- j. taken judicial notice of all pleadings and other documents filed, all orders entered, and all evidence and arguments presented in these Chapter 11 Cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, it appearing to the Court that notice of the Confirmation Hearing and the opportunity for any party in interest to object to approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation having been adequate and appropriate as to all parties affected or to be affected by the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereby, and the legal and factual bases set forth in the documents filed in support of approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation and other evidence presented at the Confirmation Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

and after due deliberation thereon and good cause appearing therefor, the Court makes and issues the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

IT IS DETERMINED, FOUND, ADJUDGED, DECREED, AND ORDERED THAT:

A. Findings and Conclusions.

1. The findings and conclusions set forth herein and in the record of the Confirmation Hearing constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law under Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as made applicable herein by Bankruptcy Rules 7052 and 9014. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, or vice versa, they are adopted as such.

B. Jurisdiction, Venue, and Core Proceeding.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to section 1334 of title 28 of the United States Code. The Court has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether the Disclosure Statement and the Plan comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and should be approved and confirmed, respectively. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to sections 1408 and 1409 of title 28 of the United States Code. Approval of the Disclosure Statement, including associated solicitation procedures, and Confirmation of the Plan are core proceedings within the meaning of section 157(b)(2) of title 28 of the United States Code.

C. Eligibility for Relief.

3. The Debtors were and are entities eligible for relief under section 109 of the Bankruptcy Code.

D. Commencement and Joint Administration of these Chapter 11 Cases.

4. On the Petition Date, each of the Debtors commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to the *Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an*

Order Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 2], the Debtors have requested that these Chapter 11 Cases be jointly administered and consolidated for procedural purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015. Since the Petition Date, the Debtors have operated their businesses and managed their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases. No statutory committee of unsecured creditors or equity security holders has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

E. Burden of Proof—Confirmation of the Plan.

5. The Debtors, as proponents of the Plan, have met their burden of proving the applicable elements of sections 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code by a preponderance of the evidence, which is the applicable evidentiary standard for Confirmation. In addition, and to the extent applicable, the Plan is confirmable under the clear and convincing evidentiary standard.

F. Notice.

6. As evidenced by the Affidavits and the Voting Report, the Debtors provided due, adequate, and sufficient notice of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Confirmation Hearing Notice, the Plan Supplement, and all of the other materials distributed by the Debtors in connection with the Confirmation in compliance with the Bankruptcy Rules, including Bankruptcy Rules 2002(b), 3017, 3019, and 3020(b), and the Bankruptcy Local Rules. The Debtors provided due, adequate, and sufficient notice of the deadline to object to the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, the Confirmation Hearing, and any other applicable hearings in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Bankruptcy Local Rules. No other or further notice is or shall be required.

G. Disclosure Statement.

7. The Disclosure Statement contains (a) sufficient information of a kind necessary to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all applicable nonbankruptcy laws, rules, and regulations, including the Securities Act, and (b) “adequate information” (as such term is defined in section 1125(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and used in section 1126(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) with respect to the Debtors, the Plan, and the transactions contemplated therein. The filing of the Disclosure Statement with the clerk of the Court satisfied Bankruptcy Rule 3016(b).

H. Ballots.

8. The Classes of Claims and Interests entitled under the Plan to vote to accept or reject the Plan (the “Voting Classes”) are set forth below:

Class	Designation
4	First Lien Term Loan Claims
5	Second Lien Term Loan Claims
9	Interests

9. The ballots the Debtors used to solicit votes to accept or reject the Plan from Holders in the Voting Classes (the “Ballots”) adequately addressed the particular needs of these Chapter 11 Cases and were appropriate for Holders in the Voting Classes to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

I. Solicitation.

10. The solicitation of votes on the Plan was appropriate and satisfactory based upon the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases, and was in compliance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and any other applicable rules, laws, and regulations, including the Securities Act.

11. As described in the Voting Report and the Confirmation Declarations, as applicable, prior to the Petition Date, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Ballots

(collectively, the “Solicitation Packages”), and the Confirmation Hearing Notice, were transmitted and served, including to all Holders in the Voting Classes, in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 1125 and 1126 thereof, the Bankruptcy Rules, including Bankruptcy Rules 3017 and 3018, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the Scheduling Order, and any applicable nonbankruptcy law. Transmission and service of the Solicitation Packages and the Confirmation Hearing Notice were timely, adequate, and sufficient under the facts and circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases. No further notice is required.

12. As set forth in the Voting Report, the Solicitation Packages were distributed to Holders in the Voting Classes that held a Claim or Interest as of January 21, 2021 (the date specified in such documents for the purpose of the solicitation) (the “Voting Record Date”). The establishment and notice of the Voting Record Date were reasonable and sufficient.

13. The period during which the Debtors solicited acceptances or rejections to the Plan was a reasonable and sufficient period of time for Holders in the Voting Class to make an informed decision to accept or reject the Plan.

14. Under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, Holders of Claims in Class 1 (Other Secured Claims), Class 2 (Other Priority Claims), Class 3 (ABL Facility Claims), and Class 6 (General Unsecured Claims) are Unimpaired and conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan. Holders of Claims in Class 7 (Intercompany Claims) and Holders of Interests in Class 8 (Intercompany Interests) are Unimpaired and conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan (to the extent reinstated), or are Impaired and deemed to reject the Plan (to the extent cancelled), and, in either event, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Nevertheless, the Debtors served Holders of all non-voting Claims and Interests (other than Intercompany Claims

and Intercompany Interests) with the Confirmation Hearing Notice and the Non-Voting Status Notice and Opt-Out Form.

J. Voting.

15. As evidenced by the Voting Report, votes to accept or reject the Plan have been solicited and tabulated fairly, in good faith, and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the Disclosure Statement, the Scheduling Order, and any applicable nonbankruptcy law, rule, or regulation.

K. Plan Supplement.

16. The Plan Supplement complies with the Bankruptcy Code and the terms of the Plan, and the filing and notice of such documents are good and proper in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and no other or further notice is required. All documents included in the Plan Supplement are integral to, part of, and incorporated by reference into the Plan. Subject to the terms of the Plan and the RSA (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any consent rights set forth or incorporated therein), and only consistent therewith, the Debtors reserve the right to alter, amend, update, or modify, in each case in whole or in part, the Plan Supplement before the Effective Date. All parties were provided due, adequate, and sufficient notice of the Plan Supplement.

L. Compliance with Bankruptcy Code Requirements—Section 1129(a)(1).

17. The Plan complies with all applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code as required by section 1129(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, the Plan is dated and identifies the Entities submitting it, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Rule 3016(a).

(i) Proper Classification—Sections 1122 and 1123.

18. The Plan satisfies the requirements of sections 1122(a) and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article III of the Plan provides for the separate classification of Claims and Interests into nine Classes. Valid business, factual, and legal reasons exist for the separate classification of such Classes of Claims and Interests. The classifications reflect no improper purpose and do not unfairly discriminate between, or among, Holders of Claims or Interests. Each Class of Claims and Interests contains only Claims or Interests that are substantially similar to the other Claims or Interests within that Class.

(ii) Specified Unimpaired Classes—Section 1123(a)(2).

19. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1123(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article III of the Plan specifies that Claims in the following Classes (the “Unimpaired Classes”) are Unimpaired under the Plan within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code:

Class	Designation
1	Other Secured Claims
2	Other Priority Claims
3	ABL Facility Claims
6	General Unsecured Claims

20. Additionally, Article II of the Plan specifies that Allowed Administrative Claims, Professional Fee Claims, and Priority Tax Claims will be paid in full in accordance with the terms of the Plan, although these Claims are not classified under the Plan.

(iii) Specified Treatment of Impaired Classes—Section 1123(a)(3).

21. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1123(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article III of the Plan specifies that Claims and Interests, as applicable, in the following Classes (the “Impaired Classes”) are Impaired under the Plan within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, and describes the treatment of such Classes:

Class	Designation
4	First Lien Term Loan Claims
5	Second Lien Term Loan Claims
9	Interests

(iv) No Discrimination—Section 1123(a)(4).

22. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1123(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan provides for the same treatment by the Debtors for each Claim or Interest in each respective Class unless the Holder of a particular Claim or Interest has agreed to a less favorable treatment of such Claim or Interest.

(v) Adequate Means for Plan Implementation—Section 1123(a)(5).

23. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code. The provisions in Article IV and elsewhere in the Plan, and in the exhibits and attachments to the Plan, the Plan Supplement, and the Disclosure Statement, provide, in detail, adequate and proper means for the Plan's implementation, including regarding: (a) the general settlement of Claims and Interests; (b) authorization of the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, to take all actions necessary to effectuate the Plan, including those actions necessary to effect the Restructuring Transactions, including, without limitation, any restructuring transaction steps set forth in the Plan Supplement, as the same may be modified or amended (in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the RSA) from time to time prior to the Effective Date; (c) the funding and sources of consideration for the Plan distributions, including the New Credit Facilities and the New ABL Facility; (d) the issuance of the New Common Stock; (e) the adoption of the New Organizational Documents; (f) the vesting of assets in the Reorganized Debtors; (g) the cancellation, amendment, or amendment and restatement of prepetition agreements; (h) the authorization and approval of corporate actions under the Plan and consistent with the RSA; (i) the appointment of the New Board; (j) the effectuation and implementation of documents and further

transactions; (k) the preservation of Causes of Action; and (l) the closing of certain of the Chapter 11 Cases.

(vi) Voting Power of Equity Securities—Section 1123(a)(6).

24. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article IV.I of the Plan provides that the New Organizational Documents will comply with section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code. The New Organizational Documents prohibit the issuance of non-voting securities to the extent required by 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code and provide for an appropriate distribution of voting power among the classes of securities possessing voting power.

(vii) Directors and Officers—Section 1123(a)(7).

25. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1123(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article IV.J of the Plan sets forth the structure of the New Board, the initial members of which (a) will be designated and appointed in accordance with the terms set forth in the New Shareholders Agreement; and (b) are identified in the Plan Supplement.

(viii) Impairment / Unimpairment of Classes—Section 1123(b)(1).

26. The Plan is consistent with section 1123(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article III of the Plan impairs or leaves unimpaired each Class of Claims and Interests.

(ix) Assumption—Section 1123(b)(2).

27. The Plan is consistent with section 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article V of the Plan provides for the assumption of the Debtors' Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and the payment of Cures, if any, related thereto, not previously assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected during these Chapter 11 Cases under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. The

assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases may include the assignment of certain such contracts to Affiliates.

(x) Settlement, Releases, Exculpation, Injunction, and Preservation of Claims and Causes of Action—Section 1123(b)(3).

28. The Plan is consistent with section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration of the distributions, settlements, and other benefits provided under the Plan, except as stated otherwise in the Plan, the provisions of the Plan constitute a good-faith compromise of, and otherwise satisfy the requirements for approval of a settlement under Bankruptcy Rule 9019 with respect to, all Claims, Interests, and controversies relating to the contractual, subordination, and other legal rights that a Holder of a Claim or Interest may have with respect to any Allowed Claim or Interest, or any distribution to be made on account of such Allowed Claim or Interest. The compromise and settlement of such Claims and Interests embodied in the Plan and reinstatement and unimpairment of other Claims or Interests identified in the Plan are in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests, and are fair, equitable, and reasonable.

29. Article VIII.C of the Plan describes certain releases granted by the Debtors (the “Debtors’ Releases”). The Debtors have satisfied the business judgment standard with respect to the propriety of the Debtors’ Releases. The Debtors’ Releases are a necessary and integral element of the Plan, and are fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests. Specifically, the Debtors’ Releases are: (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by each of the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties’ substantial contributions to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (b) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtors’ Releases; (c) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims

and Interests; (d) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (e) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (f) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtors' Releases. The Debtors' Releases for the Debtors' officers, directors, members, managers, and Governing Bodies are appropriate because the Debtors' officers, directors, members, managers, and Governing Bodies share an identity of interest with the Debtors, supported the Plan and these Chapter 11 Cases, and actively participated in meetings, negotiations, and implementation during these Chapter 11 Cases, and have provided other valuable consideration to the Debtors to facilitate the Debtors' reorganization.

30. Article VIII.D of the Plan describes certain releases granted by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"). The Third-Party Release provides finality for the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties regarding the parties' respective obligations under the Plan and with respect to the Reorganized Debtors. The Confirmation Hearing Notice sent to Holders of Claims and Interests and published in the *New York Times (National Edition)* and the *Charlotte Observer* on January 29, 2021, the Ballots sent to all Holders of Claims and Interests entitled to vote on the Plan, and the Non-Voting Status Notice and Opt-Out Form served on all Holders of non-voting Claims and Interests (other than Intercompany Claims and Intercompany Interests), in each case, unambiguously stated that the Plan contains the Third-Party Release. The Third-Party Release is a necessary and integral element of the Plan, and is fair, equitable, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and all Holders of Claims and Interests. Specifically, the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the confirmation of the Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by each of the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' substantial contributions to

facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (d) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Third-Party Release; (e) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (f) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (g) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (h) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

31. The releases of the Debtors' officers, directors, members, managers, and Governing Bodies are an integral component of the compromises and settlements contained in the Plan. The Debtors' officers, directors, members, managers, and Governing Bodies: (a) made a substantial and valuable contribution to the Debtors' restructuring and the Estates; (b) invested significant time and effort to make the restructuring a success and preserve the value of the Debtors' Estates in a challenging environment; (c) attended numerous meetings related to the restructuring; (d) met frequently and directed the restructuring negotiations that led to the RSA and the Plan; and (e) are entitled to indemnification from the Debtors under state law, organizational documents, and agreements. Litigation by the Debtors against the Debtors' officers, directors, members, managers, and Governing Bodies would be a distraction to the Debtors' business and restructuring and would decrease rather than increase the value of the Estates.

32. The releases of the Sponsor and the other Consenting Stakeholders are integral components of the compromises and settlements contained in the Plan. The Sponsor and the other Consenting Stakeholders made substantial contributions to the restructuring process, including by negotiating and entering into the RSA, committing to fund the New FLFO New Money Loans and support the other Restructuring Transactions, supporting the Debtors' efforts to pursue and obtain Confirmation of the Plan, investing significant time and effort to make the Debtors' restructuring a success and preserve the value of the Debtors' Estates in a challenging environment, and, in the

Sponsor's case, agreeing to a substantial dilution of Sponsor's indirect holding of Interests. The New FLFO New Money Loans (and the New Credit Facilities generally) are critical to the Debtors' successful restructuring and emergence from chapter 11. The releases of the Sponsor and the other Consenting Stakeholders contained in the Plan have the consent of the Debtors and the Releasing Parties and are in the best interests of the Estates.

33. The exculpation, described in Article VIII.E of the Plan (the "Exculpation"), is appropriate under applicable law because it was proposed in good faith, was formulated following extensive good-faith, arm's-length negotiations with key constituents, and is appropriately limited in scope. Without limiting anything in the Exculpation, each Exculpated Party has participated in these Chapter 11 Cases in good faith and is appropriately released and exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or termination of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or this Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan,

including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for Claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpation, including its carve-out for actual fraud, willful misconduct, and gross negligence, is consistent with established practice in this jurisdiction and others.

34. The injunction provision set forth in Article VIII.F of the Plan is necessary to implement, preserve, and enforce the Debtors' discharge, the Debtor Releases, the Third-Party Release, and the Exculpation, and is narrowly tailored to achieve this purpose.

35. Article IV.O of the Plan appropriately provides that the Reorganized Debtors will retain, and may enforce, all rights to commence and pursue, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action except for Causes of Action released by the Debtors pursuant to the releases and exculpations contained in the Plan, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, including any actions specifically enumerated in the Plan Supplement, in accordance with section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. The provisions regarding the preservation of Causes of Action in the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, are appropriate, fair, equitable, and reasonable, and are in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests.

36. The release and discharge of all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estates (and the exceptions to such release and discharge provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document

contemplated under or executed in connection with the Plan, including the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, and/or the New ABL Facility Documents with regards to any pre-existing mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests securing any prepetition credit facility that are being carried forward, continued, amended, or extended with respect to any property of the Estate) described in Article VIII.B of the Plan (the “Lien Release”) are necessary to implement the Plan. The provisions of the Lien Release are appropriate, fair, equitable, and reasonable and are in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests.

(xi) Additional Plan Provisions—Section 1123(b)(6).

37. The other discretionary provisions of the Plan are appropriate and consistent with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, thereby satisfying section 1123(b)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.

M. Debtors’ Compliance with the Bankruptcy Code—Section 1129(a)(2).

38. The Debtors have complied with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and, thus, satisfied the requirements of section 1129(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, each Debtor:

- a. is an eligible debtor under section 109, and a proper proponent of the Plan under section 1121(a), of the Bankruptcy Code;
- b. has complied with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise provided or permitted by orders of the Court; and
- c. complied with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 1125 and 1126, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, any applicable nonbankruptcy law, rule and regulation, and all other applicable

law, in transmitting the Solicitation Packages, and related documents and notices, and in soliciting and tabulating the votes on the Plan.

N. Plan Proposed in Good Faith—Section 1129(a)(3).

39. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtors have proposed the Plan in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law. In so determining, the Court has examined the totality of the circumstances surrounding the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, the process leading to Confirmation, including the overwhelming support of Holders of Claims for the Plan, and the transactions to be implemented pursuant thereto. These Chapter 11 Cases were filed, and the Plan was proposed, with the legitimate purpose of allowing the Debtors to implement the Restructuring Transactions on an expedited timeline so as to minimize disruption to the Debtors' business operations, reorganize, and emerge from bankruptcy with a capital and organizational structure that will allow them to conduct their business and satisfy their obligations with sufficient liquidity and capital resources.

O. Payment for Services or Costs and Expenses—Section 1129(a)(4).

40. The procedures set forth in the Plan for the Court's review and ultimate determination of the fees and expenses to be paid by the Debtors in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases, or in connection with the Plan and incident to these Chapter 11 Cases, satisfy the objectives of, and are in compliance with, section 1129(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

P. Directors, Officers, and Insiders—Section 1129(a)(5).

41. Article IV.J of the Plan, along with the Plan Supplement and the New Shareholders Agreement, set forth the structure of the New Board, the initial members of which will be designated and appointed in accordance with the terms set forth in the New Shareholders Agreement. The members of the New Board and the officers of each of the Reorganized Debtors

will be disclosed on or before the Effective Date. Accordingly, the Debtors have satisfied the requirements of section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Q. No Rate Changes—Section 1129(a)(6).

42. Section 1129(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code is not applicable to these Chapter 11 Cases.

R. Best Interest of Creditors—Section 1129(a)(7).

43. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Liquidation Analysis attached to the Disclosure Statement as Exhibit D, the Hickman Declaration, and the other evidence related thereto in support of the Plan that was proffered or adduced at, prior to, or in connection with the Confirmation Hearing: (a) are reasonable, persuasive, credible, and accurate as of the dates such analysis or evidence was prepared, presented, or proffered; (b) utilize reasonable and appropriate methodologies and assumptions; (c) have not been controverted by other evidence; and (d) establish that holders of Allowed Claims and Interests in each Class will recover at least as much under the Plan on account of such Claim or Interest, as of the Effective Date, as such holder would receive if the Debtors were liquidated, on the Effective Date, under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

S. Acceptance by Certain Classes—Section 1129(a)(8).

44. Classes 1, 2, 3 and 6 constitute Unimpaired Classes, each of which is conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan in accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Voting Classes, Classes 4, 5 and 9, each have voted to accept the Plan. Holders of Intercompany Claims in Class 7 and Intercompany Interests in Class 8 are Unimpaired and conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan (to the extent reinstated) or are Impaired and deemed to reject the Plan (to the extent cancelled), and, in either event, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

T. Treatment of Claims Entitled to Priority Under Section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code—Section 1129(a)(9).

45. The treatment of Administrative Claims, Professional Fee Claims, and Priority Tax Claims, under Article II of the Plan, and of Other Priority Claims under Article III of the Plan, satisfies the requirements of, and complies in all respects with, section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

U. Acceptance by At Least One Impaired Class—Section 1129(a)(10).

46. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(10) of the Bankruptcy Code. As evidenced by the Voting Report, all Holders of Claims or Interests that voted on the Plan voted to accept it and Classes 4, 5, and 9, each of which is Impaired, each voted to accept the Plan by the requisite numbers and amounts of Claims and Interests, determined without including any acceptance of the Plan by any insider (as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code), specified under the Bankruptcy Code.

V. Feasibility—Section 1129(a)(11).

47. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code. The financial projections attached to the Disclosure Statement and the other evidence supporting Confirmation of the Plan proffered or adduced by the Debtors at, or prior to, or in the Confirmation Declarations filed in connection with, the Confirmation Hearing: (a) are reasonable, persuasive, credible, and accurate as of the dates such analysis or evidence was prepared, presented, or proffered; (b) utilize reasonable and appropriate methodologies and assumptions; (c) have not been controverted by other evidence; (d) establish that the Plan is feasible and Confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization of the Reorganized Debtors or any successor to the Reorganized Debtors under the Plan, except as

provided in the Plan; and (e) establish that the Reorganized Debtors will have sufficient funds available to meet their obligations under the Plan.

W. Payment of Fees—Section 1129(a)(12).

48. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(12) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article XII.C of the Plan provides for the payment of all fees payable by the Debtors under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a).

X. Continuation of Retiree Benefits—Section 1129(a)(13).

49. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article IV.N of the Plan provides that, from and after the Effective Date, all retiree benefits (as such term is defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code), if any, shall continue to be paid in accordance with applicable law.

Y. Non-Applicability of Certain Sections—Sections 1129(a)(14), (15), and (16).

50. Sections 1129(a)(14), 1129(a)(15), and 1129(a)(16) of the Bankruptcy Code do not apply to these Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors owe no domestic support obligations, are not individuals, and each of the Debtors is a moneyed, business, or commercial corporation.

Z. Only One Plan—Section 1129(c).

51. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(c) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan is the only chapter 11 plan filed in each of these Chapter 11 Cases.

AA. Principal Purpose of the Plan—Section 1129(d).

52. The Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. The principal purpose of the Plan is not the avoidance of taxes or the avoidance of the application of section 5 of the Securities Act.

BB. Good Faith Solicitation—Section 1125(e).

53. The Debtors and their agents have solicited and tabulated votes on the Plan and have participated in the activities described in section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code fairly, in good faith within the meaning of section 1125(e), and in a manner consistent with the Disclosure Statement, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and all other applicable rules, laws, and regulations and are entitled to the protections afforded by section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Exculpation provisions set forth in Article VIII.E of the Plan.

54. The Debtors and their agents have participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the offering, issuance, and distribution of recoveries under the Plan and therefore are not, and on account of such distributions will not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or distributions made pursuant to the Plan, so long as such distributions are made consistent with and pursuant to the Plan.

CC. Satisfaction of Confirmation Requirements.

55. Based on the foregoing, the Plan satisfies the requirements for Confirmation set forth in section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

DD. Likelihood of Satisfaction of Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date.

56. Each of the conditions precedent to the Effective Date, as set forth in Article IX.A of the Plan, has been or is reasonably likely to be satisfied or waived in accordance with Article IX.B of the Plan.

EE. Implementation.

57. All documents and agreements necessary to implement the Plan, including the New Facilities Documents and those contained in the Plan Supplement, and all other relevant and necessary documents have been or will be negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length, are in the

best interests of the Debtors, and shall, upon completion of documentation and execution, be valid, binding, and enforceable documents and agreements not in conflict with any federal, state, or local law.

FF. Disclosure of Facts.

58. The Debtors have disclosed all material facts regarding the Plan, including with respect to consummation of the Restructuring Transactions, and the fact that each Debtor will emerge from its chapter 11 case as a validly existing separate corporate entity, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as applicable.

GG. Good Faith.

59. The Debtors have proposed the Plan in good faith and not by any means prohibited by law, with the legitimate and honest purpose of maximizing the value of the Debtors' Estates for the benefit of their stakeholders. The Plan accomplishes this goal. The Plan is the product of extensive, good faith, arm's-length negotiations among the Debtors and their principal constituencies. Accordingly, the Debtors, the Released Parties, and the Exculpated Parties have been, are, and will continue to be acting in good faith within the meaning of section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code if they proceed to: (a) consummate the Plan, the Restructuring Transactions, the New Facilities Documents, and the agreements, settlements, transactions, transfers, and other actions contemplated thereby, regardless of whether such agreements, settlements, transactions, transfers, and other actions are expressly authorized by this Confirmation Order; and (b) take any actions authorized and directed or contemplated by this Confirmation Order.

HH. New Credit Facilities and New ABL Facility.

60. The New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, and the New ABL Facility Documents (collectively, the "New Facilities Documents"), and each of the New Credit Facilities and the New ABL Facility to which they respectively relate,

are, individually and collectively, essential elements of the Plan, and entry into each of the New Facilities Documents is in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests and is necessary and appropriate for consummation of the Plan and the operations of the Reorganized Debtors. The terms and conditions of each of the New Facilities Documents are fair and reasonable and the Debtors have provided adequate notice thereof. Each of the New Facilities Documents have been negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length among the Debtors and the applicable New Credit Facility Lenders and the New ABL Lenders, without the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud any creditor of the Debtors, and are supported by reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration. Any credit extended and loans made or deemed made to the Reorganized Debtors by the New Credit Facility Lenders or the New ABL Lenders, and any liens granted by the Reorganized Debtors, in each case, pursuant to the applicable New Facilities Documents, and any fees paid or to be paid thereunder, are deemed to have been extended, issued, granted, and made or deemed made in good faith and for legitimate business purposes, shall not be subject to recharacterization for any purposes whatsoever, and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances or other avoidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable nonbankruptcy law. Each party to the New Facilities Documents may rely upon the provisions of this Confirmation Order in closing the New Credit Facilities and New ABL Facility.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, DECREED, AND DETERMINED THAT:

61. **Disclosure Statement.** The Disclosure Statement is approved in all respects.
62. **Confirmation of the Plan.** The Plan is approved in its entirety and **CONFIRMED** under section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. The terms of the Plan, including the Plan Supplement (including any supplements, amendments, or modifications thereof in accordance with this

Confirmation Order and the Plan) and the New Facilities Documents, are incorporated by reference into and are an integral part of this Confirmation Order.

63. **Objections.** All objections and all reservations of rights pertaining to Confirmation or approval of the Disclosure Statement that have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled are overruled on the merits.

64. **Plan Modifications.** Subsequent to posting the Plan on January 26, 2021, the Debtors made certain modifications to the Plan (the “Modifications”). Pursuant to section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Modifications do not otherwise adversely affect or change the treatment of any Claim or Interest under the Plan. After giving effect to the Modifications, the Plan continues to satisfy the requirements of sections 1122 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan expressly provides for these Modifications and the Modifications are consistent with the disclosures previously made pursuant to the Disclosure Statement. Thus, notice of any modifications was adequate and appropriate under the facts and circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases. Accordingly, pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019, the Modifications do not require additional disclosure under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code or resolicitation of votes under section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, nor do they require that Holders of Claims or Interests be afforded an opportunity to change previously cast acceptances or rejections of the Plan.

65. **Deemed Acceptance of Plan.** In accordance with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019, all Holders of Claims and Interests who voted to accept the Plan or who are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan are deemed to have accepted the Plan.

66. **No Action Required.** Under the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, including section 303 thereof, and the comparable provisions of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, section 1142(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and any other comparable provisions under applicable law, no action of the respective directors, equity holders, managers, or members of the Debtors is required to authorize the Debtors to enter into, execute, deliver, file, adopt, amend, restate, consummate, or effectuate, as the case may be, the Plan, the Restructuring Transactions, and any contract, assignment, certificate, instrument, or other document to be executed, delivered, adopted, or amended in connection with the implementation of the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, and the RSA.

67. **Binding Effect.** Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the terms of the Plan are immediately effective and enforceable and deemed binding on the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, any and all Holders of Claims or Interests (irrespective of whether such Claims or Interests are deemed to have accepted the Plan), all Entities that are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, discharges, and injunctions described in the Plan, each Entity acquiring property under the Plan, any and all non-Debtor parties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases with the Debtors, any other contract counterparties, any Borrowers, leaseholders, governmental units, and any trustees, examiners, administrators, responsible officers, estate representatives, or similar entities for the Debtors, if any, subsequently appointed in any of the Chapter 11 Cases or upon a conversion to chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code in any of the Chapter 11 Cases, and each of their respective affiliates, successors, and assigns.

68. **Incorporation by Reference.** The terms and provisions of the Plan, including the terms of the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, the New Second Lien Credit Facility

Documents, the New ABL Facility Documents, and the respective exhibits thereto are incorporated herein by reference and are an integral part of this Confirmation Order.

69. Vesting of Assets in the Reorganized Debtors. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, this Confirmation Order, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated herein, on the Effective Date, all property in each Estate, all Causes of Action, and any property acquired by any of the Debtors pursuant to the Plan shall vest in each respective Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, Causes of Action, or other encumbrances. On and after the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, this Confirmation Order, the New Facilities Documents, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated herein, each Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and may use, acquire, or dispose of property and compromise or settle any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules. After the Effective Date, a certified copy of this Confirmation Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk or recorded with the recorder of any federal, state, province, county, or local authority, whether foreign or domestic, to act to effectuate the transfer of all property in each Estate to each respective Reorganized Debtor, vesting the Reorganized Debtors with all right, title, and interest of the Debtors to the property in each Estate, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, Interests, and other encumbrances of record.

70. Effectiveness of All Actions. All actions contemplated by the Plan, including all actions in connection with or pursuant to the RSA, the Plan Supplement, the Plan, the New Credit Facilities, and the New ABL Facility, as the same may be modified, in accordance with their respective terms, from time to time prior to the Effective Date (including, without limitation, any restructuring transaction steps set forth in one or more exhibits to the Plan Supplement), are hereby

effective and authorized to be taken on, prior to, or after the Effective Date, as applicable, under this Confirmation Order, without further application to, or order of the Court, or further action by the respective officers, directors, managers, members, or equity holders of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors and with the effect that such actions had been taken by the unanimous action, consent, approval and vote of each of such officers, directors, managers, members, or equity holders.

71. **Restructuring Transactions.** The Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, are authorized to enter into and effectuate the Restructuring Transactions and to take any actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions, including, as applicable, the issuance, transfer, or cancellation of any securities, notes, instruments, certificates, and other documents required to be issued, transferred, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or any Restructuring Transaction, subject to the terms of the RSA (including, without limitation, all consent rights set forth therein) and the New Facilities Documents. Any transfers of assets or equity interests effected or any obligations incurred through the Restructuring Transactions are hereby approved and shall not constitute fraudulent conveyances or fraudulent transfers or otherwise be subject to avoidance. All transfers contemplated herein and in the Plan shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, transfer tax, sales tax, mortgage recording tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing or recording fee, regulatory filing or recording fee, or other similar tax or governmental assessment, and, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents shall forego the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax, recordation fee, or governmental assessment.

72. **Distributions.** The provisions governing distributions contained in Article VI of the Plan are approved in their entirety.

73. **Claims Register.** Any duplicate Claim or Interest or any Claim or Interest that has been paid, satisfied, amended, or superseded may be adjusted or expunged on the Claims Register by the Reorganized Debtors without the Reorganized Debtors having to file an application, motion, complaint, objection, or any other legal proceeding seeking to object to such Claim or Interest without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Court, and the Clerk is directed to adjust or expunge such Claims in the Claims Register, as applicable.

74. **New First Lien Credit Facility.** On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into the New First Lien Credit Facility, the terms of which will be set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, which shall become effective, valid, binding, and enforceable in accordance with their terms, and each party thereto shall be bound thereby. Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed approval of the Backstop Commitment Letter, the New First Lien Credit Facility, and the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, as applicable, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees (including the New FLFO Loans Commitment Premium, the Lender Backstop Commitment Premium, and the other fees and premiums and other consideration described in the Plan and in the Backstop Commitment Letter), indemnities, expenses, and other payments provided for therein, and authorization of the Reorganized Debtors to enter into and execute the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents and such other documents as may be required to effectuate the treatment afforded by the New First Lien Credit Facility. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to execute and deliver those documents necessary, desirable, advisable or

appropriate to effectuate the New First Lien Credit Facility, including the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, without further notice to or order of the Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, subject to such modifications as the Reorganized Debtors, New First Lien Credit Facility Agent, and New First Lien Credit Facility Lenders may deem to be necessary, desirable, advisable, or appropriate to consummate the New First Lien Credit Facility. The New First Lien Credit Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized joint and several obligations of the applicable Reorganized Debtors enforceable in accordance with their terms and such obligations shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (except in accordance with the terms of the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents) under applicable law, the Plan, or this Confirmation Order. For the avoidance of doubt, on the Effective Date, the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement shall be deemed to be amended and restated as the New First Lien Credit Agreement. Execution of the New First Lien Credit Agreement by the New First Lien Credit Facility Agent shall be deemed to bind all Holders of First Lien Term Loan Claims and Second Lien Term Loan Claims as if each such Holder had executed the New First Lien Credit Agreement with appropriate authorization, and any Holder receiving a distribution of New FLSO Loans shall be deemed to have executed the New First Lien Credit Agreement. In establishing the register of lenders, commitments, and loans for the New First Lien Credit Facility, the New First Lien Credit Facility Agent shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon (without independent inquiry) any certificate, schedule, register, list, or other document provided by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors.

75. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Plan, on the Effective Date, (a) any and all pre-existing mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security

interests securing the First Lien Term Loan Claims under the First Lien Term Loan Documents, including, without limitation, all mortgage liens encumbering any Debtor's real property, all Uniform Commercial Code financing statements perfecting liens on personal property, all intellectual property security agreements, all pledges of possessory collateral, and all control agreements (collectively, the "Pre-Existing First Liens") shall be retained, preserved for the benefit of and assigned to the New First Lien Credit Facility Agent to secure any and all obligations of the Reorganized Debtors under and in accordance with the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, and (b) all of the claims, guaranties, Liens, and security interests to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended in accordance with the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents shall, as applicable, (i) be deemed to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended to secure the New First Lien Credit Facility (including in connection with any Pre-Existing First Liens that shall be carried forward, continued, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, as set forth herein or in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents) in good faith as an inducement to the lenders and other secured parties thereunder to extend credit thereunder, (ii) be legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, (iii) be deemed automatically perfected on the earlier of the applicable recording or filing date of the applicable security instrument (including with respect to any Pre-Existing First Liens) or the Effective Date, in each case, subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, and (iv) not be subject to avoidance, recharacterization, or equitable subordination for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances or other avoidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Reorganized Debtors and the persons and entities

granted such Liens and security interests shall be authorized to make all filings and recordings (including, without limitation, financing statements, mortgages, deeds of trust or other documents or security instruments, or amendments or assignments thereof), and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to evidence, establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, federal, or other law that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and this Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of this Confirmation Order and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required), and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

76. Pursuant to the terms of the New FLFO New Money Commitment Letters and the Backstop Commitment Letter, as applicable, each First Lien Term Lender with a funding commitment under a New FLFO New Money Commitment Letter or the Backstop Commitment Letter, as applicable (any such First Lien Term Lender, a “New Money Commitment Party”), has committed to fund, and shall fund, severally and not jointly, its ratable share of the New FLFO New Money Loans on the Effective Date (and for the avoidance of doubt, such funding commitment shall be satisfied if such New Money Commitment Party timely acquires after the Effective Date such New FLFO New Money Loans from the Fronting Lender (as defined below) that has fronted such New FLFO New Money Loans on its behalf) pursuant to the Fronting Agreement by and among Jefferies Capital Services LLC, as fronting lender (the “Fronting Lender”), and each New Money Commitment Party party thereto (the “Fronting Agreement”)).

77. Pursuant to the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter, each Lender Backstop Party has, severally and not jointly, committed to provide, and shall provide, to the Debtors its

ratable share (based on its applicable “Backstop Commitment Percentage” (as defined in the Backstop Commitment Letter)) of New FLFO New Money Loans that are not funded by a New Money Commitment Party (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case of any New FLFO Loans that are not funded by such New Money Commitment Party by acquiring such loans from the Fronting Lender, each Lender Backstop Party shall acquire its ratable share of such New FLFO New Money Loans by taking assignment from the Fronting Lender in accordance with the assignment provisions of the New First Lien Credit Agreement and the Fronting Agreement, as applicable). For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall (i) relieve any defaulting New Money Commitment Party of any liability under its New FLFO New Money Commitment Letter or the Fronting Agreement, or (ii) alter or modify the obligations of each of the parties under the Backstop Commitment Letter.

78. New Second Lien Credit Facility. On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into the New Second Lien Credit Facility, the terms of which will be set forth in the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents. Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed approval of the New Second Lien Credit Facility and the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, expenses, and other payments provided for therein, and authorization of the Reorganized Debtors to enter into and execute the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents and such other documents as may be required to effectuate the treatment afforded by the New Second Lien Credit Facility. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to execute and deliver those documents necessary, desirable, advisable or appropriate to effectuate the New Second Lien Credit Facility, including the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents,

without further notice to or order of the Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, subject to such modifications as the Reorganized Debtors, New Second Lien Credit Facility Agent, and New Second Lien Credit Facility Lenders may deem to be necessary, desirable, advisable, or appropriate to consummate the New Second Lien Credit Facility. The New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized joint and several obligations of the applicable Reorganized Debtors enforceable in accordance with their terms and such obligations shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (except in accordance with the terms of the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents) under applicable law, the Plan, or this Confirmation Order. For the avoidance of doubt, on the Effective Date, the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement shall be deemed to be amended and restated as the New Second Lien Credit Agreement. Execution of the New Second Lien Credit Agreement by the New Second Lien Credit Facility Agent shall be deemed to bind all Holders of Second Lien Term Loan Claims as if each such Holder had executed the New Second Lien Credit Agreement with appropriate authorization.

79. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Plan, on the Effective Date, (a) any and all pre-existing mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests securing the Second Lien Term Loan Claims under the Second Lien Term Loan Documents, including, without limitation, all mortgage liens encumbering any Debtor's real property, all uniform commercial code financing statements perfecting liens on personal property and all control agreements (collectively, the "Pre-Existing Second Liens") shall be retained, preserved for the benefit of and assigned to the New Second Lien Credit Facility Agent to secure any and all obligations of the Reorganized Debtors under and in accordance with the New Second

Lien Credit Facility Documents, and (b) all of the claims, Liens, and security interests to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended in accordance with the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents shall, as applicable, (i) be deemed to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended to secure the New Second Lien Credit Facility (including in connection with any Pre-Existing Second Liens that shall be carried forward, continued, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, as set forth herein or in the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents), (ii) be legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, (iii) be deemed automatically perfected on the earlier of the applicable recording or filing date of the applicable security instrument (including with respect to any Pre-Existing Second Liens) or the Effective Date, in each case, subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, and (iv) not be subject to avoidance, recharacterization, or equitable subordination for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances or other avoidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Reorganized Debtors and the persons and entities granted such Liens and security interests shall be authorized to make all filings and recordings (including, without limitation, financing statements, mortgages, deeds of trust or other documents or security instruments, or amendments or assignments thereof), and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to evidence, establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, federal, or other law that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and this Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of this Confirmation Order and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall

not be required), and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

80. **New ABL Facility.** On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into the New ABL Facility, the terms of which will be set forth in the New ABL Facility Documents. Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed approval of the New ABL Facility and the New ABL Facility Documents, as applicable, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, liens to be granted, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, expenses, and other payments provided for therein, and authorization of the Reorganized Debtors to enter into and execute the New ABL Facility Documents and such other documents as may be required to effectuate the treatment afforded by the New ABL Facility. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to execute and deliver those documents necessary, desirable, advisable or appropriate to obtain the New ABL Facility, including the New ABL Facility Documents, without further notice to or order of the Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, subject to such modifications as the Reorganized Debtors, New ABL Facility Agent, and New ABL Facility Lenders may deem to be necessary, desirable, advisable, or appropriate to consummate the New ABL Facility. The New ABL Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized joint and several obligations of the applicable Reorganized Debtors enforceable in accordance with their terms and such obligations shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (except in accordance with the terms of the New ABL Facility Documents) under applicable law, the Plan, or this Confirmation Order.

81. On the Effective Date, all of the claims, Liens, and security interests to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, extended and/or reaffirmed (including in connection with any ABL Facility Claims that are refinanced by the New ABL Facility) in accordance with the New ABL Facility Documents (a) shall be deemed to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, extended and/or reaffirmed, (b) shall be continuing, legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the New ABL Facility Documents, (c) shall be deemed automatically perfected on the Effective Date, subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the New ABL Facility Documents, and (d) shall not be subject to avoidance, recharacterization, or equitable subordination for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other avoidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Reorganized Debtors and the persons and entities granted such Liens and security interests shall be authorized to make all filings and recordings (including, without limitation, financing statements, mortgages, deeds of trust or other documents or security instruments, or amendments or assignments thereof), and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to evidence, establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, federal, or other law that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and this Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of this Confirmation Order and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required), and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

82. **Compromise of Controversies.** In consideration for the distributions and other benefits, including releases, provided under the Plan, the provisions of the Plan constitute a good faith compromise and settlement of all Claims, Interests, and controversies resolved under the Plan and the entry of this Confirmation Order constitutes approval of such compromise and settlement under Bankruptcy Rule 9019.

83. **Assumption and Assignment of Contracts and Leases.** On the Effective Date, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed assumed, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and the payment of Cures, if any, shall be paid in accordance with Article V.C of the Plan. The assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases hereunder may include the assignment of certain of such contracts to Affiliates. Each assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements related thereto, and all rights related thereto, if any, including all easements, licenses, permits, rights, privileges, immunities, options, rights of first refusal, and any other interests. Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtors during the Chapter 11 Cases shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith.

84. The provisions governing the treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases set forth in Article V of the Plan (including the procedures regarding the resolution of any and all disputes concerning the assumption and assignment, as applicable, of such Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases) shall be, and hereby are, approved in their entirety.

85. Any monetary defaults under each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease to be assumed pursuant to the Plan shall be satisfied, pursuant to section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by payment of the default amount in Cash on the Effective Date or in the ordinary course of business, subject to the limitation described in the Plan, or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases may otherwise agree. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Confirmation Order or Plan shall affect any rights or obligations of the parties to an Unexpired Lease assumed pursuant to the Plan, or any Claims arising therefrom, whether arising before or after assumption of such Unexpired Lease, and all such rights, obligations and Claims shall continue and remain in full force and effect from and after such assumption. Landlords shall retain the right to object to any assignment of their assumed Unexpired Leases, which may only be completed in accordance with the terms of the applicable Unexpired Lease or upon further order of the Court upon notice and opportunity to object.

86. Assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and full payment of any applicable Cure pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Cures, Claims, or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption. Any and all Proofs of Claim based upon Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that have been assumed in the Chapter 11 Cases, including pursuant to this Confirmation Order, and for which any Cure has been fully paid pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan shall be deemed disallowed and expunged as of the Effective Date without the need for any objection thereto or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

87. **Indemnification.** All indemnification provisions, consistent with applicable law, currently in place (whether in the by-laws, certificates of incorporation or formation, limited liability company agreements, limited partnership agreement, other organizational documents, board resolutions, indemnification agreements, employment contracts, or otherwise) for the current and former members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of, or acting on behalf of, the Debtors, as applicable, shall be reinstated and remain intact, irrevocable, and shall survive the Effective Date on terms no less favorable to such current and former members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of, or acting on behalf of, the Debtors than the indemnification provisions in place prior to the Effective Date.

88. **Authorization to Consummate.** The Debtors are authorized to consummate the Plan in accordance with the terms thereof after the entry of this Confirmation Order, subject to satisfaction or waiver (by the required parties) of the conditions precedent to Consummation set forth in Article IX of the Plan.

89. **Professional Compensation.** All requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the Confirmation Date must be filed no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date. The Court shall determine the Allowed amounts of such Professional Fee Claims after notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Court. The Reorganized Debtors shall pay Professional Fee Claims in Cash in the amount the Court allows, including from the Professional Fee Escrow Account, which the Reorganized Debtors will establish in trust for the Professionals and fund with Cash equal to the Professional Fee Amount on the Effective Date. No funds in the Professional

Fee Escrow Account shall be property of the Estates. Any funds remaining in the Professional Fee Escrow Account after all Allowed Professional Claims have been paid will be turned over to the Reorganized Debtors. From and after the Confirmation Date, any requirement that Professionals comply with sections 327 through 331 and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code in seeking retention or compensation for services rendered after such date shall terminate, and the Reorganized Debtors may employ and pay any Professional in the ordinary course of business without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Court. In addition, the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors (as applicable) are authorized to pay and/or reimburse professional fees, including those incurred by the ABL Lenders, the ABL Agent, the New ABL Facility Agent, the New ABL Facility Lenders, the First Lien Term Lenders, the Agents under the First Lien Term Loan Documents, the Second Lien Term Lenders, the Agents under the Second Lien Term Loan Documents, the Consenting Sponsors, the New Credit Facility Lenders, the New First Lien Credit Facility Agent, and the New Second Lien Credit Facility Agent, as and to the extent contemplated by and in accordance with the Plan, the RSA, and the New Facilities Documents.

90. **Restructuring Expenses.** The provision governing payment of Restructuring Expenses in Article II.D of the Plan is approved in its entirety.

91. **Release, Exculpation, Discharge, and Injunction Provisions.** The following release, exculpation, discharge, and injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII of the Plan are, subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, approved and authorized in their entirety, and such provisions are effective and binding on all parties and Entities to the extent provided therein.

a. Discharge of Claims and Termination of Interests.

92. The following discharge of Claims and termination of Interests in Article VIII.A of the Plan is approved:

Pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, this Confirmation Order, or in any contract, instrument, or other agreement or document created or entered into pursuant to the Plan, the distributions, rights, and treatment that are provided in the Plan shall be in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release, effective as of the Effective Date, of Claims (including any Intercompany Claims resolved or compromised after the Effective Date by the Reorganized Debtors), Interests, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on Claims or Interests from and after the Petition Date, whether known or unknown, against, liabilities of, Liens on, obligations of, rights against, and Interests in, the Debtors or any of their assets or properties, regardless of whether any property shall have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims or Interests, including demands, liabilities, and Causes of Action that arose before the Effective Date, any liability (including withdrawal liability) to the extent such Claims or Interests relate to services performed by employees of the Debtors prior to the Effective Date and that arise from a termination of employment, any contingent or non-contingent liability on account of representations or warranties issued on or before the Effective Date, and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case whether or not: (1) a Proof of Claim based upon such debt or right is Filed or deemed Filed pursuant to section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code; (2) a Claim or Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Allowed pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (3) the Holder of such a Claim or Interest has accepted the Plan. This Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of the discharge of all Claims and Interests subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date.

b. Release of Liens.

93. The following Lien Release in Article VIII.B of the Plan is approved:

Except as otherwise provided in the New Credit Facilities Documents (including to the extent any First Lien Term Loan Documents or Second Lien Term Loan Documents are amended and restated or deemed to be New Credit Facilities Documents, including in connection with any pre-existing mortgage, deed of trust, Lien, pledge, or other security interest that shall be carried forward, continued, amended, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, as set forth under the New Credit Facilities Documents), the New ABL Facility Documents (including with respect to the ABL Facility, to the extent any ABL Loan Documents are amended and restated or deemed to be New ABL Facility Documents), the Plan, this Confirmation Order, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan and, in the case of a Secured Claim, satisfaction in full of the portion of the Secured Claim that is Allowed as of the Effective Date, except for Other Secured Claims that the Debtors elect to reinstate in accordance with Article III.B.1 hereof, all

mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estates shall be fully released and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any Holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors and their successors and assigns. Any Holder of such Secured Claim (and the applicable agents for such Holder) shall be authorized and directed, at the sole cost and expense of the Reorganized Debtors, to release any collateral or other property of any Debtor (including any cash collateral and possessory collateral) held by such Holder (and the applicable agents for such Holder), and to take such actions as may be reasonably requested by the Reorganized Debtors to evidence the release of such Lien, including the execution, delivery, and filing or recording of such releases. The presentation or filing of this Confirmation Order to or with any federal, state, provincial, or local agency or department shall constitute good and sufficient evidence of, but shall not be required to effect, the termination of such Liens.

c. Releases by the Debtors.

94. The following releases by the Debtors in Section VIII.C of the Plan are approved:

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates, as applicable, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, their Estates, or other Entity, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the ownership and/or operation of the Debtors by any Released Party or the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Debtors, the Debtors' in- or

out-of-court restructuring efforts, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors by Released Parties other than the Consenting Stakeholders), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), any other Definitive Documentation, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or this Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related or relating to any of the foregoing taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, this Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan, including the New Credit Facilities Documents and the New ABL Facility Documents, or any Claim or obligation arising under the Plan.

Entry of this Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Debtor Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by each of the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' substantial contributions to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (b) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtor Release; (c) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (d) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (e) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (f) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized

Debtors, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

d. Releases by Holders of Claims and Interests.

95. The following releases by the Holders of Claims and Interests in Section VIII.D of the Plan are approved:

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, on and after the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released and discharged by each Releasing Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the foregoing Entities, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or their Estates or other Entity, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the ownership and/or operation of the Debtors by any Released Party or the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion or enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), any other Definitive Documentation, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract,

instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or this Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related or relating to any of the foregoing taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, this Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan, including the New Credit Facilities Documents and the New ABL Facility Documents, or any Claim or obligation arising under the Plan.

Entry of this Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained herein, and, further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by each of the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' substantial contributions to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (d) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Third-Party Release; (e) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (f) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (g) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (h) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

e. **Exculpation.**

96. The following exculpation of the Exculpated Parties in Section VIII.E of the Plan is approved:

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law and without affecting or limiting either the Debtor Release or the Third-Party Release, effective as of the Effective Date, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability or obligation

for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or termination of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or this Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for Claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

f. Injunction.

97. The following injunction in Article VIII.F of the Plan is approved:

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or this Confirmation Order or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or this Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released, discharged, or are subject to exculpation are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (1) commencing or

continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (2) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (3) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the Estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (4) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (5) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released or settled pursuant to the Plan.

98. **New Organizational Documents.** On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into their respective New Organizational Documents, which are approved in all respects. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to enter into their respective New Organizational Documents without further notice to or order of the Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person.

99. **New Board.** As of the Effective Date, the terms of the existing members of the Debtors' respective Governing Bodies shall expire without further notice to or order of the Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, and the members for the initial term of the New Board shall be designated and appointed in accordance with the terms set forth in the New Shareholders Agreement. Each such member and officer of the Reorganized Debtors shall serve from and after the Effective Date pursuant to the terms of the New Organizational Documents, the New Shareholders Agreement, and other constituent documents of the Reorganized Debtors.

100. Compliance with Tax Requirements. In connection with the Plan, to the extent applicable, the Reorganized Debtors shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all distributions made pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Reorganized Debtors and the Disbursing Agent shall be authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with such withholding and reporting requirements, including liquidating a portion of the distribution to be made under the Plan to generate sufficient funds to pay applicable withholding taxes, withholding distributions pending receipt of information necessary to facilitate such distributions, or establishing any other mechanisms they believe are reasonable and appropriate. The Reorganized Debtors reserve the right to allocate all distributions made under the Plan in compliance with all applicable wage garnishments, alimony, child support, and other spousal awards, Liens, and encumbrances.

101. Documents, Mortgages, and Instruments. Each federal, state, commonwealth, local, foreign, or other governmental agency is authorized to accept any and all documents, mortgages, and instruments necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement, or consummate the Plan, including the Restructuring Transactions and this Confirmation Order.

102. Reversal/Stay/Modification/Vacatur of Confirmation Order. Except as otherwise provided in this Confirmation Order, if any or all of the provisions of this Confirmation Order are hereafter reversed, modified, vacated, or stayed by subsequent order of the Court, or any other court, such reversal, stay, modification, or vacatur shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any act, obligation, indebtedness, liability, priority, or lien incurred or undertaken under or in connection with the Plan or the New Facilities Documents before the effective date of any such reversal, stay, modification, or vacatur, including, without limitation, the validity of any

obligation, indebtedness, or liability incurred by the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to any of the New Credit Facilities or the New ABL Facility. Notwithstanding any such reversal, stay, modification, or vacatur of this Confirmation Order, any such act or obligation incurred or undertaken pursuant to, or in reliance on, this Confirmation Order prior to the effective date of such reversal, stay, modification, or vacatur shall be governed in all respects by the provisions of this Confirmation Order and the Plan or any amendments or modifications thereto.

103. Continued Effect of Stays and Injunction. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or this Confirmation Order, all injunctions or stays in effect in the Chapter 11 Cases under sections 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or any order of the Court that is in existence on the Confirmation Date shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date.

104. Non-Severability of Plan Provisions Upon Confirmation. Each provision of the Plan is: (a) valid and enforceable in accordance with its terms; (b) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the Debtors' consent, *provided*, that any such deletion or modification shall be subject to the terms of the RSA (and any applicable consent or consultation rights thereunder); and (c) nonseverable and mutually dependent.

105. Post-Confirmation Modifications. Without need for further order or authorization of the Court, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, are authorized and empowered, to make any and all modifications to any and all documents that are necessary to effectuate the Plan that do not materially modify the terms of such documents and are consistent with the Plan (subject in all respects to any applicable consents or consultation rights set forth therein or in the RSA or any applicable New Facilities Documents). Subject to certain restrictions and requirements set forth in section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019 and those restrictions on modifications set forth in the Plan or the RSA, the Debtors and the

Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve their respective rights to revoke or withdraw, or to alter, amend, or modify materially the Plan with respect to such Debtor, one or more times after Confirmation, and, to the extent necessary, may initiate proceedings in the Court to so alter, amend, or modify the Plan, or remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or this Confirmation Order, in such manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of the Plan (subject in all respects to any applicable consents or consultation rights set forth therein or in the RSA). Any such modification or supplement shall be considered a modification of the Plan and shall be made in accordance with Article X.A of the Plan.

106. Applicable Nonbankruptcy Law. The provisions of this Confirmation Order, the Plan and related documents, or any amendments or modifications thereto, shall apply and be enforceable notwithstanding any otherwise applicable nonbankruptcy law.

107. Waiver of Filings. Any requirement under section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rule 1007 obligating the Debtors to file any list, schedule, or statement with the Court or the Office of the U.S. Trustee is permanently waived as to any such list, schedule, or statement not filed as of the Confirmation Date.

108. Waiver of Section 341 Meeting of Creditors or Equity Holders; Waiver of Schedules and Statements. Any requirement under section 341(e) for the U.S. Trustee to convene a meeting of creditors or equity holders is permanently waived as of the Confirmation Date. Any requirement for the U.S. Trustee to hold the initial debtor interview is permanently waived as of the Confirmation Date. Any requirement for the Debtors to file schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs is permanently waived as of the Confirmation Date.

109. Governmental Approvals Not Required. This Confirmation Order shall constitute all approvals and consents required, if any, by the laws, rules, or regulations of any state, federal, or other governmental authority with respect to the dissemination, implementation, or consummation of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, any certifications, documents, instruments or agreements, and any amendments or modifications thereto, and any other acts referred to in, or contemplated by, the Plan and the Disclosure Statement.

110. Provisions Regarding Certain Tax Authorities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or this Confirmation Order, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall pay any Allowed Secured Tax Claims in the ordinary course of business. The tax liens, including statutory liens and privileges, if any, of the relevant taxing authorities, to the extent that such taxing authorities are entitled to such liens, shall be expressly retained, in accordance with applicable state law with respect to taxes payable under applicable state law to the relevant taxing authorities in the ordinary course of business, until such time as such Allowed Secured Tax Claim is paid in full.

111. Provision Regarding Louisiana Department of Revenue. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan or this Confirmation Order: (a) the Louisiana Department of Revenue (the “LDR”) shall be deemed to have opted out of Third-Party Releases in the Plan and shall not be a “Releasing Party” pursuant to the Plan; (b) any Allowed Priority Tax Claim of the LDR shall receive payment in Cash in an amount equal to the total value of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(9)(C), including interest, if any, at the rate required by 11 U.S.C. § 511; (c) to the extent Allowed Priority Tax Claims of the LDR, if any, are not paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, such Allowed Priority Tax Claims shall, at minimum, be paid by regular, quarterly installment payments (to commence on the first day of the first calendar

quarter following the Effective Date) in Cash (including applicable interest) over a period not to exceed five years from the Petition Date, and for the avoidance of doubt, Article VI.H of the Plan shall not apply to the LDR; (d) the rights of the LDR, if any, to exercise any right of setoff or recoupment permitted under Louisiana law and the Bankruptcy Code remains unaffected by the Plan, and the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' defenses thereto are expressly preserved; (e) nothing in the Plan or this Confirmation Order shall excuse the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, from any obligation under applicable Louisiana state law to timely submit returns (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any delinquent returns), which returns shall be filed by the applicable due date under Louisiana law unless otherwise agreed by LDR in writing (email being sufficient), and to remit payment of taxes in the ordinary course of business; (h) for the avoidance of doubt, Article VI.D.4 of the Plan shall not apply to the LDR.

112. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the New Facilities Documents shall not (a) grant a lien or other security interest in leasehold interests if it would be a default or otherwise prohibited by the underlying lease agreement, or (b) afford the lenders under the New Credit Facilities or the New ABL Facility any enhanced collateral access rights with respect to the Debtors' leasehold interests other than those allowed under separate agreement with the applicable landlord, permitted by applicable non-bankruptcy law, or approved by the Court pursuant to separate motion and order.

113. **Notices of Confirmation and Effective Date.** The Reorganized Debtors shall serve notice of entry of this Confirmation Order in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3020(c) on all Holders of Claims and Interests within ten Business Days after the date of entry of this Confirmation Order. As soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall file notice of the Effective Date and shall serve a copy of the same on

the above-referenced parties. The above-referenced notices are adequate under the particular circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases and no other or further notice is necessary.

114. Failure of Consummation. Notwithstanding the entry of this Confirmation Order, if the Effective Date does not occur, then: (a) the Plan will be null and void in all respects; (b) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan, assumption of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases effected by the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan will be null and void in all respects; and (c) nothing contained in the Plan shall (i) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action, (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of any Debtor or any other Entity, or (iii) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking of any sort by any Debtor or any other Entity.

115. Substantial Consummation. On the Effective Date, the Plan shall be deemed to be substantially consummated under sections 1101 and 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code.

116. Waiver of Stay. For good cause shown, any stay of this Confirmation Order provided by any Bankruptcy Rule or Bankruptcy Local Rule is waived, and this Confirmation Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry by the Court.

117. References to and Omissions of Plan Provisions. References to articles, sections, and provisions of the Plan are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of the Plan. The failure to specifically include or to refer to any particular article, section, or provision of the Plan in this Confirmation Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such article, section, or provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Plan be confirmed in its entirety, except as expressly modified herein, and incorporated herein by this reference.

118. **Headings.** Headings utilized herein are for convenience and reference only, and do not constitute a part of the Plan or this Confirmation Order for any other purpose.

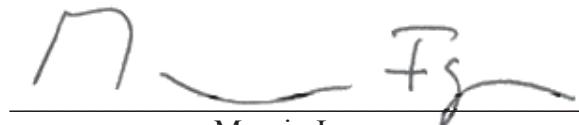
119. **Effect of Conflict.** This Confirmation Order supersedes any Court order issued prior to the Confirmation Date that may be inconsistent with this Confirmation Order. If there is any inconsistency between the terms of the Plan (other than with respect to any consent rights set forth or incorporated therein) and the terms of this Confirmation Order, the terms of this Confirmation Order govern and control.

120. **Reporting.** After the Effective Date, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have no obligation to provide any reports to any parties otherwise required under the “first” day orders and any “second” day orders entered in the Chapter 11 Cases, including any Financing Order (if any). In the event the RSA terminates in accordance with its terms prior to the Effective Date, the foregoing reporting obligations shall be reinstated.

121. **Final Order.** This Confirmation Order is a Final Order and the period in which an appeal must be filed shall commence upon the entry hereof.

122. **Retention of Jurisdiction.** The Court may properly, and upon the Effective Date shall, to the full extent set forth in the Plan, retain jurisdiction over all matters arising out of, and related to, these Chapter 11 Cases, including the matters set forth in Article XI of the Plan and section 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Signed: February 24, 2021



Marvin Isgur
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Exhibit A

Plan

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:)
BELK, INC., *et al.*,¹) Chapter 11
Debtors.) Case No. 21-30630 (MI)
) (Jointly Administered)
)

**JOINT PREPACKAGED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF
BELK, INC. AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE (TECHNICAL MODIFICATIONS)**

THIS CHAPTER 11 PLAN IS BEING SOLICITED FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 1125 AND WITHIN THE MEANING OF BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 1126. THIS CHAPTER 11 PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR APPROVAL FOLLOWING SOLICITATION AND THE DEBTORS' FILING FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY.

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INTRODUCTION

The Debtors propose this Plan for the resolution of the outstanding Claims against and Interests in the Debtors pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed to such terms in Article I.A of this Plan. Although proposed jointly for administrative purposes, the Plan constitutes a separate Plan for each Debtor for the resolution of outstanding Claims and Interests pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Claims against or Interests in the Debtors may refer to the Disclosure Statement for a discussion of the Debtors' history, businesses, assets, results of operations, historical financial information, and projections of future operations, as well as a summary and description of this Plan, the Restructuring Transactions, and certain related matters. The Debtors are the proponents of the Plan within the meaning of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST OR INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE PLAN AND THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

ARTICLE I.

DEFINED TERMS, RULES OF INTERPRETATION, COMPUTATION OF TIME, AND GOVERNING LAW

A. *Defined Terms.*

As used in this Plan, capitalized terms have the meanings set forth below.

1. “*ABL Agent*” means Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent under the ABL Credit Agreement.
2. “*ABL Credit Agreement*” means that certain ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of December 10, 2015, by and among Bear Parent Inc., Belk, as borrower, the guarantors thereunder, the ABL Agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as syndication agent, and the ABL Lenders, as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
3. “*ABL Facility*” means the \$900 million senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility provided under the ABL Credit Agreement.
4. “*ABL Facility Claim*” means any and all Claims arising under, derived from, or based upon the ABL Loan Documents including, without limitation, all Obligations (as defined in the ABL Credit Agreement).
5. “*ABL Lenders*” means those banks, financial institutions, and other lenders party to the ABL Credit Agreement from time to time, in their respective capacities thereunder.
6. “*ABL Loan Documents*” means, collectively, the ABL Credit Agreement and any certificates, agreements, intercreditor agreements, security agreements, documents, or instruments (including any amendments, restatements, supplements, or modifications of any of the foregoing) related to or executed in connection with the ABL Credit Agreement.
7. “*Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group*” means the ad hoc group of Consenting First Lien Term Lenders and Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders represented by Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

8. “*Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group*” means the ad hoc group of Consenting First Lien Term Lenders represented by O’Melveny & Myers LLP.

9. “*Administrative Claim*” means a Claim for costs and expenses of administration of the Estates under sections 503(b), 507(a)(2), 507(b), or 1114(e)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including: (a) the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred on or after the Petition Date of preserving the Estates and operating the businesses of the Debtors; (b) Allowed Professional Fee Claims in the Chapter 11 Cases; and (c) all fees and charges assessed against the Estates under chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1911-1930.

10. “*Affiliate*” means, with respect to any specified Entity, any person or other Entity directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Entity. For purposes of this definition, “control” (including, with correlative meanings, the terms “controlling,” “controlled by,” and “under common control with”), as used with respect to any Entity, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the right or power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement, or otherwise.

11. “*Agents*” means any administrative agent, collateral agent, or similar Entity under any of the ABL Credit Agreement, the First Lien Term Loan Documents, the Second Lien Term Loan Documents, the New Credit Facilities Documents, and the New ABL Facility Documents, including any successors thereto.

12. “*Allowed*” means, as to a Claim or an Interest, a Claim or an Interest allowed under the Plan, under the Bankruptcy Code, or by a Final Order, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, (a) there is no requirement to File a Proof of Claim (or move the Bankruptcy Court for allowance) to be an Allowed Claim under the Plan, and (b) the Debtors may affirmatively determine to deem Unimpaired Claims Allowed to the same extent such Claims would be allowed under applicable nonbankruptcy law.

13. “*Avoidance Actions*” means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies that may be brought by or on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates or other authorized parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law, including Claims, Causes of Action, or remedies under sections 502, 510, 542, 544, 545, 547 through 553, and 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or under similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes and common law, including fraudulent transfer laws.

14. “*Backstop Commitment*” means the commitment of each Backstop Party as set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter.

15. “*Backstop Commitment Letter*” means that certain backstop commitment letter dated January 26, 2021 (as may be amended or modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof), pursuant to which each Backstop Party has agreed to backstop the New FLFO New Money Loans.

16. “*Backstop Parties*” means, collectively, each of the Lender Backstop Parties and the Sponsor Backstop Party, in their capacity as parties to the Backstop Commitment Letter.

17. “*Bankruptcy Code*” means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532.

18. “*Bankruptcy Court*” means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

19. “*Bankruptcy Rules*” means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure promulgated under section 2075 of the Judicial Code and the general, local, and chambers rules of the Bankruptcy Court.

20. “*Belk*” means Belk, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

21. “*Belk Acquiring Entities*” means one or more new entities formed to acquire, directly or indirectly, substantially all of the assets of the Debtors.

22. “*Blackstone Credit*” means, collectively, GSO Beacon Holdings LP, GSO Credit Alpha Fund LP, and any Affiliate or transferee of any of the foregoing entities that hold Topco Equity Interests.

23. “*Business Day*” means any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or “legal holiday” (as defined in Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a)).

24. “*Cash*” means cash and cash equivalents, including bank deposits, checks, and other similar items in legal tender of the United States of America.

25. “*Causes of Action*” means any claims, cross claims, third-party claims, interests, damages, judgments, remedies, causes of action, controversies, debts, demands, rights, actions, suits, obligations, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever (including those of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates), whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured, asserted or assertable directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, disputed or undisputed, whether arising before, on, or after the Petition Date, in contract, tort, law, equity, pursuant to any other theory of law or otherwise. Causes of Action also include: (a) all rights of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment and claims under contracts or for breaches of duties imposed by law or in equity; (b) the right to object to or otherwise contest Claims or Interests; (c) claims pursuant to section 362 or chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code; (d) such claims and defenses, including fraud, mistake, duress, and usury, and any other defenses set forth in section 558 of the Bankruptcy Code; (e) any state or foreign law preferential or fraudulent transfer or similar claim, and (f) any Avoidance Action.

26. “*Chapter 11 Cases*” means (a) when used with reference to a particular Debtor, the case pending for that Debtor under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court and (b) when used with reference to all the Debtors, the procedurally consolidated chapter 11 cases pending for the Debtors in the Bankruptcy Court.

27. “*Claim*” means any claim, as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, against any of the Debtors.

28. “*Claims and Noticing Agent*” means Prime Clerk LLC, the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases by Bankruptcy Court order.

29. “*Claims Register*” means the official register of Claims and Interests in the Debtors maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent.

30. “*Class*” means a class of Claims or Interests as set forth in Article III hereof pursuant to section 1122(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

31. “*CM/ECF*” means the Bankruptcy Court’s Case Management and Electronic Case Filing system.

32. “*Company Parties*” means Belk and each of its Affiliates (other than Sponsor) that are or become parties to the RSA, solely in their capacity as such.

33. “*Confirmation*” means the Bankruptcy Court’s entry of the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases.

34. “*Confirmation Date*” means the date upon which the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases, within the meaning of Bankruptcy Rules 5003 and 9021.

35. “*Confirmation Hearing*” means the hearing held by the Bankruptcy Court on confirmation of the Plan, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3020(b)(2) and sections 1128 and 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, as such hearing may be continued from time to time.

36. “*Confirmation Order*” means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan pursuant to, *inter alia*, section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

37. “*Consenting First Lien Term Lenders*” means the Holders of First Lien Term Loan Claims that are or become parties to the RSA, solely in their capacity as such.

38. “*Consenting Lenders*” means the Consenting First Lien Term Lenders and the Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders.

39. “*Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders*” means the Holders of Second Lien Term Loan Claims that are or become parties to the RSA, solely in their capacity as such.

40. “*Consenting Sponsors*” means, collectively, each investment fund managed by, or other Affiliate (excluding the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors) of, Sycamore Partners Management, L.P. that is or becomes a party to the RSA, solely in their capacity as such.

41. “*Consenting Stakeholders*” means any party (other than the Company Parties) to the RSA, each solely in their capacity as such, including each of the Consenting First Lien Term Lenders, the Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders, and the Consenting Sponsors.

42. “*Consummation*” means the occurrence of the Effective Date.

43. “*Cure*” means a Claim (unless waived or modified by the applicable counterparty) based upon a Debtor’s defaults under an Executory Contract or an Unexpired Lease assumed by such Debtor under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, other than a default that is not required to be cured pursuant to section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.

44. “*Debtors*” means, collectively, each of the following: Belk, Bear Parent Inc., Fashion Holdings Intermediate LLC, Fashion Intermediate Inc., Belk-Simpson Company, Greenville, South Carolina, Belk International, Inc., Belk Stores Services, Inc., Belk Administration Company, Belk Stores of Virginia LLC; Belk Accounts Receivable LLC, Belk Gift Card Company LLC, Belk Merchandising LLC, Belk Sourcing LLC, Belk Department Stores LP, The Belk Center, Inc., Belk Texas Holdings LLC, Belk Ecommerce LLC, and Belk Stores of Mississippi LLC.

45. “*Debtor Release*” means the release set forth in Article VIII.C of this Plan.

46. “*Definitive Documentation*” means the definitive documents and agreements governing the Restructuring Transactions (including any related orders, agreements, instruments, schedules, or exhibits) that are contemplated by and referenced in the Plan (as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time), which shall each be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Stakeholders, including the following: (a) the Plan (and all exhibits, ballots, solicitation procedures, and other documents and instruments related thereto); (b) the RSA (including the “Definitive Documents” as defined therein and not explicitly so defined herein); (c) any document or agreement that is part of the Plan Supplement; (d) the Disclosure Statement; (e) the New Credit Agreements and the New Credit Facilities Documents; (f) the New Organizational Documents; (g) the Confirmation Order; (h) the Financing Order; (i) the Backstop Commitment Letter; and (j) such other agreements and documentation desired or necessary to consummate and document the transactions contemplated by this Plan and the RSA.

47. “*Description of Transaction Steps*” means the description of the steps to be carried out to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions in accordance with the Plan and as set forth in the Plan Supplement, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Stakeholders.

48. “*Disbursing Agent*” means, as applicable, the Reorganized Debtors or any Entity the Reorganized Debtors select to make or to facilitate distributions in accordance with the Plan, which Entity shall be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Lenders and the Consenting Sponsors, and may include the Claims and Noticing Agent.

49. “*Disclosure Statement*” means the *Disclosure Statement Relating to the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code*, including all exhibits and schedules thereto, that is prepared and distributed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and any other applicable law.

50. “*Disputed*” means, as to a Claim or an Interest, a Claim or an Interest: (a) that is not Allowed; (b) that is not disallowed under the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, or a Final Order, as applicable; and (c) with respect to which a party in interest has filed a Proof of Claim or otherwise made a written request to a Debtor for payment, without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

51. “*Distribution Record Date*” means the record date for purposes of making distributions under the Plan on account of Allowed Claims, which date shall be the first day of the Confirmation Hearing or such other date agreed to by the Debtors, the Required Consenting Lenders, and the Consenting Sponsors.

52. “*Effective Date*” means the date that is the first Business Day after the Confirmation Date on which (a) no stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect and (b) all conditions precedent to the occurrence of the Effective Date set forth in Article IX.A of the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with Article IX.B of the Plan. Any action to be taken on the Effective Date may be taken on or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

53. “*Employment Obligations*” means any existing obligations to employees to be assumed, reinstated, or honored, as applicable, in accordance with Article IV.N of the Plan.

54. “*Entity*” means any entity, as defined in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.

55. “*Equity Security*” means any equity security, as defined in section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code, in a Debtor.

56. “*Estate*” means, as to each Debtor, the estate created for the Debtor in its Chapter 11 Case pursuant to section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.

57. “*Exculpated Parties*” means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) each Company Party; (c) each Consenting Stakeholder; (d) any statutory committee appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases and each of their respective members; and (e) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f); and (f) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f).

58. “*Executory Contract*” means a contract to which one or more of the Debtors are a party and that is subject to assumption or rejection under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

59. “*Fashion Topco*” means Fashion Topco LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

60. “*Federal Judgment Rate*” means the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date.

61. “*File*” means file, filed, or filing with the Bankruptcy Court or its authorized designee in the Chapter 11 Cases. “Filed” and “Filing” shall have correlative meanings.

62. “*Final Order*” means, as applicable, an order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction with respect to the relevant subject matter that has not been reversed, stayed, modified, or amended, and as to which the time to appeal, seek certiorari, or move for a new trial, stay, reargument, or rehearing has expired and no appeal, petition for certiorari, or motion for new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall then be pending or has been timely taken, or as to which any appeal that has been taken or any petition for certiorari or motion for new trial, stay, reargument, or rehearing that has been or may be filed has been resolved by the highest court to which the order or judgment could be appealed or from which certiorari could be sought or the new trial, reargument, or rehearing shall have been denied, resulted in no modification of such order, or has otherwise been dismissed with prejudice; provided, however, that the possibility that a motion under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Bankruptcy Rules, may be filed with respect to such order shall not preclude such order from being a Final Order.

63. “*Financing Order*” means, as applicable, the interim and final orders of the Bankruptcy Court, if any, setting forth the terms of use of cash collateral and any documentation related thereto.

64. “*First Lien Term Lender*” means any Holder of a First Lien Term Loan Claim.

65. “*First Lien Term Loan*” means any loan outstanding under the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.

66. “*First Lien Term Loan Claim*” means any and all Claims arising under, derived from, or based upon the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement or any other agreement, instrument, or document executed at any time in connection therewith including, without limitation, all Obligations (as defined in the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement) including accrued and unpaid interest on account of such Obligations as of the Effective Date (with interest to be calculated at the applicable rate, including default interest from and after the Petition Date); *provided* that the amount of any such Claim shall first be reduced by (a) the amount of any accrued and unpaid interest and amortization on the principal amount of such Claim that is paid in Cash on the Effective Date; and (b) the amount of any New FLFO Roll-Up Loans received by the Holder of such Claim prior to any distribution of New FLSO Loans on account of such Claim.

67. “*First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement*” means that certain first lien credit agreement, dated as of December 10, 2015, by and among Bear Parent Inc., as holdings, Belk, as borrower, certain subsidiaries of Belk, as guarantors, the administrative agent thereunder, and the lenders party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

68. “*First Lien Term Loan Documents*” means, collectively, the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement and all other agreements, documents, and instruments with respect to the First Lien Term Loans, including any security agreements, pledge and collateral agreements, guaranty agreements, and intercreditor agreements.

69. “*General Unsecured Claim*” means any Claim that is not (a) an Administrative Claim, (b) a Professional Fee Claim, (c) a Secured Tax Claim, (d) an Other Secured Claim, (e) a Priority Tax Claim, (f) an Other Priority Claim, (g) an ABL Facility Claim, (h) a First Lien Term Loan Claim, (i) a Second Lien Term Loan Claim, or (j) an Intercompany Claim.

70. “*GIC*” means Katriona Investment Pte Ltd.

71. “*Governing Body*” means, in each case in its capacity as such, the board of directors, board of managers, manager, general partner, investment committee, special committee, or such similar governing body of any of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

72. “*Governmental Unit*” means any governmental unit, as defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code.

73. “*Holder*” means an Entity holding a Claim or Interest.

74. “*Impaired*” means “impaired” within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

75. “*Indemnification Provisions*” means each of the Debtors’ indemnification provisions in place as of the Petition Date, whether in the respective Debtors’ bylaws, certificates of incorporation, limited partnership agreements, other formation documents, board resolutions, or contracts for the current and former: members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, other professionals, and respective agents of, or acting on behalf of, the Debtors.

76. “*Intercompany Claim*” means any Claim against a Debtor held by another Debtor.

77. “*Intercompany Interest*” means an Interest in a Debtor held by another Debtor.

78. “*Interest*” means, collectively, (a) any Equity Security, or any other equity or ownership interest (including any such interest in a partnership, limited liability company, or other Entity), in any Debtor, (b) any other rights, options, warrants, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock rights, restricted stock units, redemption rights, repurchase rights, convertible, exercisable or exchangeable securities or other agreements, arrangements or commitments of any character relating to, or whose value is related to, any such interest or other ownership interest in any Debtor, and (c) any and all Claims that are otherwise determined by the Court to be an equity interest, including any Claim or debt that is recharacterized as an equity interest or subject to subordination as an equity interest pursuant to section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

79. “*Judicial Code*” means title 28 of the United States Code, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1–4001.

80. “KKR” means, collectively, CPS Managers Master Fund L.P., FS KKR Capital Corp, PCOP II Cayman Investors A L.P., Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund, Prisma SPC Holdings Ltd. – Segregated Portfolio AB, and Prisma SPC Holdings Ltd. – Segregated Portfolio AC.

81. “KKR, Blackstone Credit, and GIC Topco Equity Interests” means, collectively, (a) any and all Topco Equity Interests held by KKR; (b) any and all Topco Equity Interests held by Blackstone Credit; and (c) any and all Topco Equity Interests held by GIC.

82. “Lender Backstop Parties” means those certain First Lien Term Lenders and Second Lien Term Lenders that have committed to backstop the New FLFO New Money Loans and are signatories to the Backstop Commitment Letter.

83. “Lender Backstop Commitment Premium” means Cash equal to 10.00% of the aggregate principal amount of the New FLFO New Money Loans committed by the Lender Backstop Parties pursuant to the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter.

84. “Lien” means a lien as defined in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.

85. “New ABL Credit Agreement” means the loan agreement memorializing the New ABL Facility (which may be effectuated through an amendment and restatement of the ABL Credit Agreement), the material terms of which shall be included in the Plan Supplement, and which shall be entered into by one or more of the Reorganized Debtors, the Agent thereunder, and the New ABL Facility Lenders, *provided* that any terms of the New ABL Credit Agreement that are materially inconsistent with the ABL Credit Agreement shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Lenders and the Consenting Sponsors.

86. “New ABL Facility” means the refinanced ABL Facility or a replacement asset-based loan facility to be provided to the Reorganized Debtors in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the New ABL Facility Documents.

87. “New ABL Facility Agent” means the administrative agent under the New ABL Credit Agreement, together with its successors, assigns, or any replacement agent appointed pursuant to the terms of the New ABL Credit Agreement.

88. “New ABL Facility Documents” means, collectively, the New ABL Credit Agreement and any other agreements or documents related to or executed in connection with the New ABL Facility, including any amendments, modifications, supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof, *provided* that any terms of the New ABL Facility Documents that are materially inconsistent with the ABL Credit Agreement shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Lenders and the Consenting Sponsors; *provided, further*, that with the consent of the ABL Agent and unless expressly provided otherwise herein or in the New ABL Facility Documents, all ABL Loan Documents shall be deemed to be New ABL Facility Documents.

89. “New ABL Facility Lenders” means the lenders party to the New ABL Credit Agreement.

90. “New Board” means the board of directors or similar Governing Body of Reorganized Belk Holdings.

91. “New Common Stock” means the common stock, limited liability company membership units, or functional equivalent thereof of Reorganized Belk Holdings.

92. “*New Credit Agreements*” means, collectively, the New First Lien Credit Agreement and the New Second Lien Credit Agreement.

93. “*New Credit Facilities*” means, collectively, the New First Lien Credit Facility and the New Second Lien Credit Facility.

94. “*New Credit Facilities Documents*” means, collectively, the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents and the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents.

95. “*New Credit Facility Lenders*” means, collectively, each New First Lien Credit Facility Lender and New Second Lien Credit Facility Lender.

96. “*New D&O Tail Coverage*” means reasonably sufficient “tail” or “runoff” liability insurance policy coverage that provides (a) coverage for the six-year period following the Effective Date for the benefit of the Reorganized Debtors and all current and former members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, other professionals, and respective agents of, or acting on behalf of, the Debtors with coverage with an available aggregate limit of liability upon the Effective Date of no less than the aggregate limit of liability under the existing policies applicable to such Persons upon placement, or (b) such other coverage terms as are otherwise acceptable to the Debtors, the Required Consenting Lenders, and the Consenting Sponsors.

97. “*New First Lien Credit Agreement*” means the loan agreement memorializing the New First Lien Credit Facility, which shall be entered into by one or more of the Reorganized Debtors, the Agent thereunder, and the New First Lien Credit Facility Lenders, and may be effectuated through an amendment and restatement of the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.

98. “*New First Lien Credit Facility*” means the new first lien secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.12 billion to be provided to the Reorganized Debtors in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

99. “*New First Lien Credit Facility Agent*” means the administrative agent and collateral agent under the New First Lien Credit Agreement, together with its successors, assigns, or any replacement agent appointed pursuant to the terms of the New First Lien Credit Agreement.

100. “*New First Lien Credit Facility Documents*” means, collectively, the New First Lien Credit Agreement and any other agreements or documents related to or executed in connection with the New First Lien Credit Facility, including any amendments, modifications, supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof.

101. “*New First Lien Credit Facility Lenders*” means the lenders party to the New First Lien Credit Agreement.

102. “*New FLFO Loans*” means the “first lien first-out” term loans provided under the New First Lien Credit Facility on the terms and conditions set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

103. “*New FLFO Loans Commitment Premium*” means New FLSO Loans equal to 25.00% of the principal amount of First Lien Term Loans (as reduced by the amount of New FLFO Roll-Up Loans received by the holder of such First Lien Term Loan Claims) held by each First Lien Term Lender that funds its ratable share of the New FLFO New Money Loans on the Effective Date.

104. “*New FLFO New Money Loans*” means \$225 million of New FLFO Loans provided under the New First Lien Credit Facility on terms and conditions set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

105. “*New FLFO Roll-Up Loans*” means \$75 million of New FLFO Loans provided under the New First Lien Credit Facility on terms and conditions set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

106. “*New FLSO Loans*” means the “first lien second-out” term loans provided under the New First Lien Credit Facility on the terms and conditions set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

107. “*New Organizational Documents*” means the documents providing for corporate governance of Reorganized Belk Holdings, Reorganized Belk, and the other Reorganized Debtors, including charters, bylaws, operating agreements, or other organizational documents or shareholders’ agreements, as applicable, which shall be consistent with section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code (as applicable) and the RSA (and subject to the consent, approval, and consultation rights set forth therein) and reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Stakeholders.

108. “*New Second Lien Credit Agreement*” means the loan agreement memorializing the New Second Lien Credit Facility, which shall be entered into by one or more of the Reorganized Debtors, the Agent thereunder, and the New Second Lien Credit Facility Lenders, and may be effectuated through an amendment and restatement of the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.

109. “*New Second Lien Credit Facility*” means the new second lien secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$110 million to be provided to the Reorganized Debtors in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents.

110. “*New Second Lien Credit Facility Agent*” means the administrative agent under the New Second Lien Credit Agreement, together with its successors, assigns, or any replacement agent appointed pursuant to the terms of the New Second Lien Credit Agreement.

111. “*New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents*” means, collectively, the New Second Lien Credit Agreement and any other agreements or documents related to or executed in connection with the New Second Lien Credit Facility, including any amendments, modifications, supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof.

112. “*New Second Lien Credit Facility Lenders*” means the lenders party to the New Second Lien Credit Agreement.

113. “*New Second Lien Term Loans*” means \$110 million of second lien term loans provided under the New Second Lien Credit Facility on the terms and conditions set forth in the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents.

114. “*New Shareholders Agreement*” means the shareholders agreement or other applicable agreement (including all annexes, exhibits, and schedules thereto) governing the New Common Stock, which agreement shall be substantially consistent with the applicable term sheet or substantially in the form included in the Plan Supplement and reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, the Consenting Sponsors, and the Required Consenting Lenders.

115. “*New Term Loans*” means, collectively, the New FLFO Loans, the New FLSO Loans, and the New Second Lien Term Loans.

116. “*Other Priority Claim*” means any Claim, other than an Administrative Claim or a Priority Tax Claim, entitled to priority in right of payment under section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

117. “*Other Secured Claim*” means any Secured Claim against the Debtors other than an ABL Facility Claim, a First Lien Term Loan Claim, or a Second Lien Term Loan Claim.

118. “*Person*” has the meaning set forth in section 101(41) of the Bankruptcy Code.

119. “*Petition Date*” means the date on which the Debtors commenced the Chapter 11 Cases.

120. “*Plan*” means this *Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code*, including the Plan Supplement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

121. “*Plan Distribution*” means a payment or distribution to Holders of Allowed Claims, Allowed Interests, or other eligible Entities under and in accordance with the Plan.

122. “*Plan Supplement*” means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, agreements, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan (in each case, as may be altered, amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) to be Filed by the Debtors no later than one (1) Business Day after the Petition Date, including the following, as applicable: (a) the New Organizational Documents; (b) the identity and members of the New Board and any executive management for the Reorganized Debtors; (c) the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action; (d) the New ABL Credit Agreement; (e) the New Credit Agreements; (f) the Description of Transaction Steps; (g) the New Shareholders Agreement; and (h) any additional documents Filed with the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Effective Date as amendments to the Plan Supplement, which shall each be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Stakeholders.

123. “*Priority Tax Claim*” means any Claim of a Governmental Unit of the kind specified in section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

124. “*Professional*” means an Entity: (a) employed pursuant to a Bankruptcy Court order in accordance with sections 327, 363, or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and to be compensated for services rendered prior to or on the Confirmation Date, pursuant to sections 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (b) awarded compensation and reimbursement by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 503(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

125. “*Professional Fee Amount*” means the aggregate amount of Professional Fee Claims and other unpaid fees and expenses that Professionals reasonably estimate they have incurred or will incur in rendering services to the Debtors as set forth in Article II.B of the Plan.

126. “*Professional Fee Claim*” means a Claim by a professional seeking an award by the Bankruptcy Court of compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred through and including the Confirmation Date under sections 330, 331, 503(b)(2), 503(b)(3), 503(b)(4), or 503(b)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

127. “*Professional Fee Escrow Account*” means an interest-bearing account funded by the Debtors with Cash on the Effective Date in an amount equal to the Professional Fee Amount.

128. “*Proof of Claim*” means a proof of Claim Filed against any of the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases.

129. “*Pro Rata*” means, unless otherwise specified, the proportion that an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Interest in a particular Class bears to the aggregate amount of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests in that Class.

130. “*Reinstate*” means reinstate, reinstated, or reinstatement with respect to Claims and Interests, that the Claim or Interest shall be rendered Unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code. “Reinstated” and “Reinstatement” shall have correlative meanings.

131. “*Related Party*” means, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such, current and former directors, managers, officers, investment committee members, special committee members, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, assignors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors. For the avoidance of doubt, the current and former members of each Governing Body (and their attorneys and other professionals retained by them in their capacity as members of a Governing Body) are Related Parties of the Debtors.

132. “*Released Party*” means, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Reorganized Debtors; (c) each Consenting Stakeholder; (d) each member of the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group; (e) each member of the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group; (f) each Company Party; (g) each Agent; (h) each ABL Lender; (i) each First Lien Term Lender; (j) each Second Lien Term Lender; (k) all Holders of Interests; (l) each Backstop Party; (m) each Sponsor; (n) each New Credit Facility Lender; (o) each New ABL Facility Lender; and (p) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (q); and (q) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (q); provided that in each case, an Entity shall not be a Released Party if it: (x) elects to opt out of the releases contained in the Plan; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before Confirmation of the Plan.

133. “*Releasing Party*” means, each of, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Reorganized Debtors; (c) each Consenting Stakeholder; (d) each member of the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group; (e) each member of the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group; (f) each Company Party; (g) each Agent; (h) each ABL Lender; (i) each First Lien Term Lender; (j) each Second Lien Term Lender; (k) all Holders of Claims; (l) all Holders of Interests; (m) each Sponsor; (n) each Backstop Party; (o) each New Credit Facility Lender; (p) each New ABL Facility Lender; and (q) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (r); and (r) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (r); provided that in each case, an Entity shall not be a Releasing Party if it: (x) elects to opt out of the releases contained in the Plan; or (y) timely objects to the releases contained in the Plan and such objection is not resolved before Confirmation of the Plan.

134. “*Reorganized Belk*” means Belk, as reorganized pursuant to and in accordance with the Plan, and any successor(s) thereto.

135. “*Reorganized Belk Holdings*” means the parent entity of the Reorganized Debtors, after giving effect to the Restructuring Transactions, which for the avoidance of doubt may be Fashion Holdings Intermediate LLC or a Belk Acquiring Entity.

136. “*Reorganized Debtors*” means, collectively, a Debtor, or any successor or assign thereto, by merger, consolidation, or otherwise, on and after the Effective Date, including any Belk Acquiring Entities.

137. “*Required Consenting First Lien Term Lenders*” means, as of the relevant date, Consenting First Lien Term Lenders holding at least 50.1% of the aggregate principal amount of First Lien Term Loans that are held by Consenting First Lien Term Lenders, which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include (a) Consenting First Lien Term Lenders holding at least 50.1% of the aggregate principal amount of First Lien Term Loans held by Consenting First Lien Term Lenders represented by Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; and also (b) Consenting First Lien Term Lenders holding at least 50.1% of the aggregate principal amount of First Lien Term Loans held by Consenting First Lien Term Lenders represented by O’Melveny & Myers LLP.

138. “*Required Consenting Lenders*” means, collectively, as of the applicable date of determination, the Required Consenting First Lien Term Lenders and the Required Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders.

139. “*Required Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders*” means, as of the relevant date, Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders holding at least 50.01% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Second Lien Term Loans that are held by Consenting Second Lien Term Lenders.

140. “*Required Consenting Stakeholders*” means, collectively, the Required Consenting Lenders and the Consenting Sponsors.

141. “*Restructuring Expenses*” means the reasonable and documented fees and expenses accrued since the inception of their respective engagements related to the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions and not previously paid by, or on behalf of, the Debtors of: (a) (i) Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, as counsel to the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group, (ii) any local counsel to the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group, and (iii) PJT Partners LP, as investment banker to Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in connection with its representation of the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group; (b) (i) O’Melveny & Myers LLP, as counsel to the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group, (ii) any local counsel to the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group, and (iii) Evercore LLC, as investment banker to O’Melveny & Myers LLP in connection with its representation of the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group, (c) Latham & Watkins, LLP, as counsel to the Consenting Sponsors; and (d) (i) Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, as counsel to the ABL Agent and (ii) any local counsel to the ABL Agent, in each case, in accordance with the engagement letters of such consultant or professional signed by the Company Parties or by the applicable Consenting Stakeholders, as the case may be, without further order of, or application to, the Bankruptcy Court by such consultant or professionals.

142. “*Restructuring Transactions*” means the transactions described in Article IV.B of the Plan.

143. “*RSA*” means that certain Restructuring Support Agreement by and among the Debtors and the other parties thereto, as may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

144. “*Schedule of Retained Causes of Action*” means the schedule of certain Causes of Action of the Debtors that are not released, waived, or transferred pursuant to the Plan, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time with the consent of the Required Consenting Lenders, the Consenting Sponsors, and the Debtors (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

145. “*Second Lien Term Lender*” means any Holder of a Second Lien Term Loan Claim.

146. “*Second Lien Term Loan*” means any loan outstanding under the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.

147. “*Second Lien Term Loan Claim*” means any and all Claims arising under, derived from, or based upon the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement or any other agreement, instrument, or document executed at any time in connection therewith including, without limitation, all Obligations (as defined in the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement) including accrued and unpaid interest on account of such Obligations as of the Effective Date (with interest to be calculated at the applicable rate, including default interest from and after the Petition Date); *provided* that the amount of any such Claim shall first be reduced by the amount of any accrued and unpaid interest and amortization on the principal amount of such Claim that is paid in Cash on the Effective Date.

148. “*Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement*” means that certain second lien credit agreement, dated as of December 10, 2015, by and among Bear Parent Inc., as holdings, Belk, as borrower, certain subsidiaries of Belk, as guarantors, the administrative agent and collateral agent thereunder, and the lenders party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

149. “*Second Lien Term Loan Documents*” means, collectively, the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement and all other agreements, documents, and instruments with respect to the Second Lien Term Loans, including any security agreements, pledge and collateral agreements, guaranty agreements, and intercreditor agreements.

150. “*Secured Claim*” means a Claim: (a) secured by a valid, perfected and enforceable Lien on collateral to the extent of the value of such collateral, as determined in accordance with section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) subject to a valid right of setoff pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code.

151. “*Secured Tax Claim*” means any Secured Claim that, absent its secured status, would be entitled to priority in right of payment under section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code (determined irrespective of time limitations), including any related Secured Claim for penalties.

152. “*Securities Act*” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77a–77aa, or any similar federal, state, or local law, as now in effect or hereafter amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

153. “*Security*” means any security, as defined in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

154. “*Sponsor Backstop Party*” means the investment funds managed by, or other Affiliates (excluding any of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors) of, Sycamore Partners Management, L.P., whose name(s) are listed on the signature pages to the Backstop Commitment Letter.

155. “*Sponsor*” means, collectively, each investment fund managed by, or other Affiliate (excluding any of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors) of, Sycamore Partners Management, L.P., in each case, in their capacity as indirect holders of Interests.

156. “*Term Lender*” means each First Lien Term Lender and Second Lien Term Lender.

157. “*Third-Party Release*” means the release set forth in Article VIII.D of this Plan.

158. “*Topco Equity Interests*” means, collectively, (a) any equity or other ownership interest in Fashion Topco; and (b) any other rights, options, warrants, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock rights,

restricted stock units, redemption rights, repurchase rights, convertible, exercisable or exchangeable securities or other agreements, arrangements or commitments of any character relating to, or whose value is related to, any such equity interest or other ownership interest in Fashion Topco.

159. “*Unexpired Lease*” means a lease to which one or more of the Debtors are a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

160. “*Unimpaired*” means, with respect to a Class of Claims or Interests, a Class of Claims or Interests that is unimpaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

B. Rules of Interpretation.

For purposes of this Plan: (1) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender; (2) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that the referenced document shall be substantially in that form or substantially on those terms and conditions; *provided* that nothing in this clause (2) shall affect any parties’ consent rights over any of the Definitive Documents (as defined in the RSA) or any amendments thereto; (3) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to an existing document, schedule, or exhibit, whether or not Filed, having been Filed or to be Filed shall mean that document, schedule, or exhibit, as it may thereafter be amended, modified, or supplemented in accordance with the Plan or Confirmation Order, as applicable; (4) any reference to an Entity as a Holder of a Claim or Interest includes that Entity’s successors and assigns; (5) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to “Articles” are references to Articles hereof or hereto; (6) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to exhibits are references to exhibits in the Plan Supplement; (7) unless otherwise specified, the words “herein,” “hereof,” and “hereto” refer to the Plan in its entirety rather than to a particular portion of the Plan; (8) subject to the provisions of any contract, certificate of incorporation, limited liability company agreement, by-law, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the rights and obligations arising pursuant to the Plan shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with the applicable federal law, including the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules; (9) unless otherwise specified, the words “include” and “including,” and variations thereof, shall not be deemed to be terms of limitation, and shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”; (10) captions and headings to Articles are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of the Plan; (11) unless otherwise specified herein, the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply; (12) any term used in capitalized form herein that is not otherwise defined but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, as the case may be; (13) all references to docket numbers of documents Filed in the Chapter 11 Cases are references to the docket numbers under the Bankruptcy Court’s CM/ECF system; (14) all references to statutes, regulations, orders, rules of courts, and the like shall mean as amended from time to time, and as applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases, unless otherwise stated; (15) any immaterial effectuating provisions may be interpreted by the Reorganized Debtors in such a manner that is consistent with the overall purpose and intent of the Plan all without further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity; and (16) unless otherwise specified, any action to be taken on the Effective Date may be taken on or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

C. Computation of Time.

Unless otherwise specifically stated herein, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed herein. If the date on which a transaction may occur

pursuant to the Plan shall occur on a day that is not a Business Day, then such transaction shall instead occur on the next succeeding Business Day.

D. Governing Law.

Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) or unless otherwise specifically stated, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws (other than section 5-1401 and section 5-1402 of the New York General Obligations Law), shall govern the rights, obligations, construction, and implementation of the Plan, any agreements, documents, instruments, or contracts executed or entered into in connection with the Plan (except as otherwise set forth in those agreements, in which case the governing law of such agreement shall control), and corporate governance matters; *provided* that corporate governance matters relating to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, not incorporated in New York shall be governed by the laws of the state of incorporation or formation of the relevant Debtor or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

E. Reference to Monetary Figures.

All references in the Plan to monetary figures shall refer to currency of the United States of America, unless otherwise expressly provided herein.

F. Reference to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Plan to the contrary, references in this Plan to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors shall mean the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, to the extent the context requires.

G. Controlling Document.

In the event of an inconsistency between the Plan, and the Disclosure Statement, the terms of the Plan shall control in all respects. In the event of an inconsistency between the Plan and the Plan Supplement, the terms of the relevant provision in the Plan Supplement shall control (unless stated otherwise in such Plan Supplement document or in the Confirmation Order). In the event of an inconsistency between the Confirmation Order and the Plan or any Plan Supplement document, the Confirmation Order shall control.

H. Consent Rights.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any and all consent rights of the parties to the RSA set forth in the RSA with respect to the form and substance of this Plan, all exhibits to the Plan, and the Plan Supplement, including any amendments, restatements, supplements, or other modifications to such agreements and documents, and any consents, waivers, or other deviations under or from any such documents, shall be incorporated herein by this reference (including to the applicable definitions in Article I.A hereof) and be fully enforceable as if stated in full herein.

ARTICLE II.
ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS, PRIORITY CLAIMS, AND RESTRUCTURING EXPENSES

In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Claims, Professional Fee Claims, and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified and, thus, are excluded from the Classes of Claims and Interests set forth in Article III hereof.

A. Administrative Claims.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim (other than Holders of Professional Fee Claims and Claims for fees and expenses pursuant to section 1930 of chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code) will receive in full and final satisfaction of its Administrative Claim an amount of Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Administrative Claim in accordance with the following: (1) if an Administrative Claim is Allowed on or prior to the Effective Date, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (or, if not then due, when such Allowed Administrative Claim is due or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter); (2) if such Administrative Claim is not Allowed as of the Effective Date, no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which an order allowing such Administrative Claim becomes a Final Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter; (3) if such Allowed Administrative Claim is based on liabilities incurred by the Debtors in the ordinary course of their business after the Petition Date in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transaction giving rise to such Allowed Administrative Claim without any further action by the Holders of such Allowed Administrative Claim; (4) at such time and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by such Holder and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable; or (5) at such time and upon such terms as set forth in an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

B. Professional Fee Claims.

1. Final Fee Applications and Payment of Professional Fee Claims.

All requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the Confirmation Date must be Filed no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date. The Bankruptcy Court shall determine the Allowed amounts of such Professional Fee Claims after notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Bankruptcy Court. The Reorganized Debtors shall pay Professional Fee Claims in Cash in the amount the Bankruptcy Court allows, including from the Professional Fee Escrow Account, which the Reorganized Debtors will establish in trust for the Professionals and fund with Cash equal to the Professional Fee Amount on the Effective Date.

2. Professional Fee Escrow Account.

On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall establish and fund the Professional Fee Escrow Account with Cash equal to the Professional Fee Amount, which shall be funded by the Reorganized Debtors. The Professional Fee Escrow Account shall be maintained in trust solely for the Professionals. Such funds shall not be considered property of the Estates of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors. The amount of Professional Fee Claims owing to the Professionals shall be paid in Cash to such Professionals by the Reorganized Debtors from the Professional Fee Escrow Account as soon as reasonably practicable after such Professional Fee Claims are Allowed. When all such Allowed amounts owing to Professionals have been paid in full, any remaining amount in the Professional Fee Escrow Account shall promptly be paid to the Reorganized Debtors without any further action or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

3. Professional Fee Amount.

Professionals shall reasonably estimate their unpaid Professional Fee Claims and other unpaid fees and expenses incurred in rendering services to the Debtors before and as of the Effective Date, and shall deliver such estimate to the Debtors no later than two (2) Business Days before the Effective Date; *provided, however,* that such estimate shall not be deemed to limit the amount of the fees and expenses that are the subject of the Professional's final request for payment of Filed Professional Fee Claims. If a Professional

does not provide an estimate, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors may estimate the unpaid and unbilled fees and expenses of such Professional.

4. Post-Confirmation Fees and Expenses.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, from and after the Confirmation Date, the Debtors shall, in the ordinary course of business and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, pay in Cash the reasonable and documented legal, professional, or other fees and expenses related to implementation of the Plan and Consummation incurred by the Debtors. Upon the Confirmation Date, any requirement that Professionals comply with sections 327 through 331, 363, and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code in seeking retention or compensation for services rendered after such date shall terminate, and the Debtors may employ and pay any Professional in the ordinary course of business without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

C. *Priority Tax Claims.*

Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each Allowed Priority Tax Claim, each Holder of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall be treated in accordance with the terms set forth in section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code.

D. *Payment of Restructuring Expenses.*

The Restructuring Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred, up to and including the Effective Date, shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (to the extent not previously paid during the course of the Chapter 11 Cases) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of the RSA, without any requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court, without the need for itemized time detail, or without any requirement for Bankruptcy Court review or approval. All Restructuring Expenses to be paid on the Effective Date shall be estimated prior to and as of the Effective Date and such estimates shall be delivered to the Debtors at least two (2) Business Days before the anticipated Effective Date; *provided, however,* that such estimates shall not be considered an admission or limitation with respect to such Restructuring Expenses. On the Effective Date, final invoices for all Restructuring Expenses incurred prior to and as of the Effective Date shall be submitted to the Debtors. In addition, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors (as applicable) shall continue to pay pre- and post- Effective Date, when due and payable in the ordinary course, Restructuring Expenses related to implementation, consummation, and defense of the Plan, whether incurred before, on, or after the Effective Date.

**ARTICLE III.
CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS**

A. *Classification of Claims and Interests.*

This Plan constitutes a separate Plan proposed by each Debtor. Except for the Claims addressed in Article II of the Plan, all Claims and Interests are classified in the Classes set forth below in accordance with sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. A Claim or an Interest, or any portion thereof, is classified in a particular Class only to the extent that any portion of such Claim or Interest qualifies within the description of that Class and is classified in other Classes to the extent that any portion of such Claim or Interest qualifies within the description of such other Classes. A Claim or an Interest also is classified in a particular Class for the purpose of receiving distributions under the Plan only to the extent that such

Claim or Interest is an Allowed Claim or Interest in that Class and has not been paid, released, or otherwise satisfied prior to the Effective Date.

The classification of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors pursuant to the Plan is as follows:

Class	Claims and Interests	Status	Voting Rights
Class 1	Other Secured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
Class 2	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
Class 3	ABL Facility Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
Class 4	First Lien Term Loan Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
Class 5	Second Lien Term Loan Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
Class 6	General Unsecured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
Class 7	Intercompany Claims	Unimpaired / Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept / Reject)
Class 8	Intercompany Interests	Unimpaired / Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept / Reject)
Class 9	Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote

B. Treatment of Claims and Interests.

Each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, shall receive under the Plan the treatment described below in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for such Holder's Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, except to the extent different treatment is agreed to by the Reorganized Debtors and the Holder of such Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, the Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, shall receive such treatment on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

1. Class 1 - Other Secured Claims

- (a) *Classification:* Class 1 consists of any Other Secured Claims against any Debtor.
- (b) *Treatment:* Each Holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, at the option of the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, either:
 - (i) payment in full in Cash of its Allowed Class 1 Claim;
 - (ii) the collateral securing its Allowed Class 1 Claim;
 - (iii) Reinstatement of its Allowed Class 1 Claim; or
 - (iv) such other treatment rendering its Allowed Class 1 Claim Unimpaired in

accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- (c) *Voting:* Class 1 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Allowed Claims in Class 1 are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

2. Class 2 - Other Priority Claims

- (a) *Classification:* Class 2 consists of any Other Priority Claims against any Debtor.
- (b) *Treatment:* Each Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Other Priority Claim.
- (c) *Voting:* Class 2 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Claims in Class 2 are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3. Class 3 - ABL Facility Claims

- (a) *Classification:* Class 3 consists of any ABL Facility Claims against any Debtor.
- (b) *Allowance:* On the Effective Date, the ABL Facility Claims shall be Allowed in the aggregate principal amount of \$383,000,000, plus accrued and unpaid interest on such principal amount through the Petition Date, amounts drawn under existing letters of credit, and fees and other expenses arising under or in connection with the ABL Credit Agreement.
- (c) *Treatment:* On the Effective Date, unless otherwise agreed by a Holder of an Allowed ABL Facility Claim, each Holder of an Allowed ABL Facility Claim shall, at the election of such Holder, receive (i) payment in Cash of its Allowed ABL Facility Claim and replacement or cash collateralization of all issued and undrawn letters of credit in the amounts specified under the ABL Credit Agreement; or (ii)(x) its Pro Rata share of refinanced loans under the New ABL Facility in an amount equal to the principal amount of ABL Facility Claims held by such Holder as of the Effective Date, and (y) Cash in an amount equal to the accrued but unpaid non-default interest payable to such Holder under the ABL Credit Agreement as of the Effective Date (if any).
- (d) *Voting:* Class 3 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Claims in Class 3 are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the

Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4. Class 4 - First Lien Term Loan Claims

- (a) *Classification:* Class 4 consists of any First Lien Term Loan Claims.
- (b) *Allowance:* On the Effective Date, the First Lien Term Loan Claims shall be Allowed in the aggregate principal amount of \$999,400,000, plus accrued and unpaid interest on such principal amount through the Effective Date and any fees and other expenses arising under or in connection with the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.
- (c) *Treatment:* On the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed First Lien Term Loan Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, New FLSO Loans in a principal amount equal to 55.0% of such Holder's Allowed First Lien Term Loan Claim; *provided*, that all accrued and unpaid amortization and interest (at the default rate) on the principal amount of such Claim through the Petition Date shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date.
- (d) *Voting:* Class 4 is Impaired under the Plan and Holders of Allowed Claims in Class 4 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

5. Class 5 - Second Lien Term Loan Claims

- (a) *Classification:* Class 5 consists of any Second Lien Term Loan Claims.
- (b) *Allowance:* On the Effective Date, the Second Lien Term Loan Claims shall be Allowed in the aggregate principal amount of \$550,000,000, plus accrued and unpaid interest on such principal amount through the Effective Date and any fees and other expenses arising under or in connection with the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.
- (c) *Treatment:* On the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Second Lien Term Loan Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim: (i) New FLSO Loans in a principal amount equal to 15.0% of such Holder's Allowed Second Lien Term Loan Claim; (ii) New Second Lien Term Loans in a principal amount equal to 20.0% of such Holder's Allowed Second Lien Term Loan Claim; and (iii) its Pro Rata share of 34.9% of the New Common Stock; *provided*, that all accrued and unpaid interest (at the default rate) on the principal amount of such Claim through the Petition Date shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date.
- (d) *Voting:* Class 5 is Impaired under the Plan and Holders of Allowed Claims in Class 5 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

6. Class 6 - General Unsecured Claims

- (a) *Classification:* Class 6 consists of all General Unsecured Claims.
- (b) *Treatment:* Each Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim and at the Debtors' sole discretion, either:

(i) Reinstatement of such Allowed General Unsecured Claim pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code; or

(ii) payment in full in Cash on (A) the Effective Date, or (B) the date due in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transaction giving rise to such Allowed General Unsecured Claim.

(c) *Voting:* Class 6 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Claims in Class 6 are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

7. Class 7 - Intercompany Claims

(a) *Classification:* Class 7 consists of all Intercompany Claims.

(b) *Treatment:* Intercompany Claims shall be, at the option the Reorganized Debtors, either: (i) Reinstated; or (ii) distributed, contributed, set off, cancelled and released without any distribution on account of such Claims, or otherwise addressed at the option of the Reorganized Debtors.

(c) *Voting:* Class 7 is Unimpaired if the Class 7 Claims are Reinstated or Impaired if the Class 7 Claims are cancelled. Holders of Class 7 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) or rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Class 7 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

8. Class 8 - Intercompany Interests

(a) *Classification:* Class 8 consists of all Intercompany Interests.

(b) *Treatment:* Intercompany Interests shall be, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors, either: (i) Reinstated; or (ii) cancelled and released without any distribution on account of such Interests.

(c) *Voting:* Class 8 is Unimpaired if the Class 8 Interests are Reinstated or Impaired if the Class 8 Interests are cancelled. Holders of Class 8 Interests are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code or rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Class 8 Interests are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

9. Class 9 – Interests

(a) *Classification:* Class 9 consists of all Interests in Fashion Holdings Intermediate LLC.

(b) *Treatment:* On the Effective Date, all Interests will be Reinstated, subject to dilution on account of the New Common Stock, and the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which holders of Interests are entitled shall otherwise remain unaltered.

(c) *Voting:* Class 9 is Impaired under the Plan and Holders of Allowed Interests in Class 9 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

C. Special Provision Governing Unimpaired Claims.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing under the Plan shall affect the Debtors' or the Reorganized Debtors' rights regarding any Unimpaired Claims, including, all rights regarding legal and equitable defenses to, or setoffs or recoupments against, any such Unimpaired Claims.

D. Elimination of Vacant Classes.

Any Class of Claims or Interests that does not have a Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest or a Claim or Interest temporarily Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court as of the date of the Confirmation Hearing shall be deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and for purposes of determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan by such Class pursuant to section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

E. Voting Classes; Presumed Acceptance by Non-Voting Classes.

If a Class contains Claims or Interests eligible to vote and no Holders of Claims or Interests eligible to vote in such Class vote to accept or reject the Plan, the Holders of such Claims or Interests in such Class shall be deemed to have accepted the Plan.

F. Intercompany Interests.

To the extent Reinstated under the Plan, distributions on account of Intercompany Interests are not being received by Holders of such Intercompany Interests on account of their Intercompany Interests but for the purposes of administrative convenience, for the ultimate benefit of the Holders of New Common Stock, and in exchange for the Debtors' and Reorganized Debtors' agreement under the Plan to make certain distributions to the Holders of Allowed Claims.

G. Confirmation Pursuant to Sections 1129(a)(10) and 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Section 1129(a)(10) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be satisfied for purposes of Confirmation by acceptance of the Plan by one or more of the Classes entitled to vote pursuant to Article III.B of the Plan. The Debtors shall seek Confirmation of the Plan pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any rejecting Class of Claims or Interests. The Debtors reserve the right to modify the Plan in accordance with Article X of the Plan to the extent, if any, that Confirmation pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code requires modification, including by modifying the treatment applicable to a Class of Claims or Interests to render such Class of Claims or Interests Unimpaired to the extent permitted by the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.

H. Controversy Concerning Impairment.

If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Interests, or any Class of Claims or Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

I. Subordinated Claims.

The allowance, classification, and treatment of all Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests and the respective distributions and treatments under the Plan take into account and conform to the relative priority and rights of the Claims and Interests in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal, and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise. Pursuant to section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, and subject to the RSA, the Reorganized Debtors reserve the right to re-classify any Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in accordance with any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination relating thereto.

ARTICLE IV.
MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

A. General Settlement of Claims and Interests.

As discussed in detail in the Disclosure Statement and as otherwise provided herein, pursuant to section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration for the classification, distributions, releases, and other benefits provided under the Plan, upon the Effective Date, the provisions of the Plan shall constitute a good faith compromise and settlement of all Claims and Interests and controversies resolved pursuant to the Plan, including (1) any challenge to the amount, validity, perfection (as applicable), enforceability, priority or extent of the ABL Facility Claims, the First Lien Term Loan Claims, the Second Lien Term Loan Claims, or the Interests, (2) any claim to avoid, subordinate, or disallow any ABL Facility Claims, First Lien Term Loan Claims, Second Lien Term Loan Claims, or Interests, whether under any provision of chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, on any equitable theory (including equitable subordination, equitable disallowance, or unjust enrichment) or otherwise. The Plan shall be deemed a motion to approve the good faith compromise and settlement of all such Claims, Interests, and controversies pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of such compromise and settlement under section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that such settlement and compromise is fair, equitable, reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates. Subject to Article VI hereof, all distributions made to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests (as applicable) in any Class are intended to be and shall be final.

B. Restructuring Transactions.

On the Effective Date, the applicable Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into any transaction, including those transactions set forth in the Description of Transaction Steps, and shall take any actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions, including, as applicable, the issuance, transfer, or cancellation of any securities, notes, instruments, certificates, and other documents required to be issued, transferred, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or any Restructuring Transaction, subject to the terms of the RSA. Reorganized Belk shall be the borrower under the New Credit Facilities and the New ABL Facility, and Reorganized Belk Holdings shall be the issuer of New Common Stock to the applicable Holders of Claims and Interests as set forth herein and in the applicable Definitive Documentation. On the Effective Date, 15.0% of the New Common Stock shall also be distributed on a pro rata basis to the First Lien Term Lenders and the Second Lien Term Lenders (based on such First Lien Term Lender's or Second Lien Term Lender's funded amount of the New FLFO New Money Loans as a proportion of \$125 million) that participate in the New FLFO New Money Loans.

On the Effective Date, KKR, Blackstone Credit, and GIC shall be deemed to have waived all legal, equitable, and contractual interests in the KKR, Blackstone Credit, and GIC Topco Equity Interests, and

the KKR, Blackstone Credit, and GIC Topco Equity Interests shall be cancelled and released without any distribution on account of such Topco Equity Interests.

The actions to implement the Restructuring Transactions may include, in accordance with the consent rights in the RSA: (1) the execution and delivery of appropriate agreements or other documents of merger, amalgamation, consolidation, restructuring, conversion, disposition, transfer, arrangement, continuance, dissolution, sale, purchase, or liquidation containing terms that are consistent with the terms of the Plan and that satisfy the applicable requirements of applicable law and any other terms to which the applicable Entities may agree; (2) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments of transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any asset, property, right, liability, debt, or obligation on terms consistent with the terms of the Plan and having other terms for which the applicable parties agree; (3) the filing of appropriate certificates or articles of incorporation, reincorporation, merger, consolidation, conversion, amalgamation, arrangement, continuance, or dissolution pursuant to applicable state or provincial law; and (4) all other actions that the applicable Entities determine to be necessary, including making filings or recordings that may be required by applicable law in connection with the Plan.

C. The Reorganized Debtors.

On the Effective Date, the New Board shall be established, and each Reorganized Debtor shall adopt its New Organizational Documents, in each case, in accordance with the terms set forth in the New Shareholders Agreement. The Reorganized Debtors shall be authorized to adopt any other agreements, documents, and instruments and to take any other actions contemplated under the Plan as necessary to consummate the Plan.

D. Sources of Consideration for Plan Distributions.

1. New ABL Facility.

On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into the New ABL Facility, the terms of which will be set forth in the New ABL Facility Documents. Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed approval of the New ABL Facility and the New ABL Facility Documents, as applicable, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, expenses, and other payments provided for therein, and authorization of the Reorganized Debtors to enter into and execute the New ABL Facility Documents and such other documents as may be required to effectuate the treatment afforded by the New ABL Facility.

On the Effective Date, all of the claims, Liens, and security interests to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, extended and/or reaffirmed (including in connection with any ABL Facility Claims that are refinanced by the New ABL Facility) in accordance with the New ABL Facility Documents (a) shall be deemed to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, extended and/or reaffirmed, (b) shall be continuing, legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the New ABL Facility Documents, (c) shall be deemed automatically perfected on the Effective Date, subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the New ABL Facility Documents, and (d) shall not be subject to recharacterization or equitable subordination for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers or fraudulent conveyances under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Reorganized Debtors and the persons and entities granted such Liens and security interests shall be authorized to make all filings and recordings, and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, federal, or other law that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order

(it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required), and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

2. New First Lien Credit Facility.

On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into the New First Lien Credit Facility, the terms of which will be set forth in the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents. Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed approval of the Backstop Commitment Letter, the New First Lien Credit Facility, and the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, as applicable, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees (including the New FLFO Loans Commitment Premium, the Lender Backstop Commitment Premium, and the other fees and premiums and other consideration described herein and in the Backstop Commitment Letter), indemnities, expenses, and other payments provided for therein, and authorization of the Reorganized Debtors to enter into and execute the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents and such other documents as may be required to effectuate the treatment afforded by the New First Lien Credit Facility. For the avoidance of doubt, the New First Lien Credit Agreement may be effectuated through an amendment and restatement of the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement. Execution of the New First Lien Credit Agreement by the New First Lien Credit Facility Agent shall be deemed to bind all Holders of First Lien Term Loan Claims and Second Lien Term Loan Claims as if each such Holder had executed the New First Lien Credit Agreement with appropriate authorization.

On the Effective Date, all of the claims, Liens, and security interests to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended in accordance with the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents shall, as applicable, (a) be deemed to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended to secure the New First Lien Credit Facility, (b) be legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, (c) be deemed automatically perfected on the Effective Date, subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the New First Lien Credit Facility Documents, and (d) not be subject to recharacterization or equitable subordination for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers or fraudulent conveyances under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Reorganized Debtors and the persons and entities granted such Liens and security interests shall be authorized to make all filings and recordings, and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, federal, or other law that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required), and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

The New Term Loans to be issued under the New First Lien Credit Facility will consist of (a) New FLFO Loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$300 million, consisting of New FLFO New Money Loans and New FLFO Roll-Up Loans; and (b) New FLSO Loans in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$822 million. On the Effective Date, the roll-up of First Lien Term Loans with New FLFO Roll-Up Loans shall take place immediately prior to any distribution of New FLSO Loans on account of the First Lien Term Loan Claims.

Each Term Lender may participate in the New FLFO New Money Loans on behalf of some or all funds or accounts managed or advised by such Term Lender, or some or all funds or accounts managed or

advised by the investment manager or advisor of such Term Lender, or any affiliate thereof, and may allocate its participation in the New FLFO New Money Loans among such funds or accounts in its sole discretion.

The Lender Backstop Parties have committed to backstop \$125 million in the aggregate principal amount of the New FLFO New Money Loans. The Sponsor Backstop Party has committed to backstop \$100 million in the aggregate principal amount of the New FLFO New Money Loans. To the extent the total subscriptions by the New Credit Facility Lenders that are First Lien Term Lenders or Second Lien Term Lenders exceed the applicable New FLFO New Money Loan commitments allocated to the applicable group of the New Credit Facility Lenders, the excess amount would first reduce the funding commitments not subscribed by their respective First Lien Term Lender or Second Lien Term Lender group on a dollar for dollar basis (if any), with the remaining excess amount to reduce the New FLFO New Money Loan funding commitments that are backstopped by the Sponsor Backstop Party on a dollar for dollar basis; *provided*, that such oversubscription by First Lien Term Lenders and Second Lien Term Lenders and corresponding reduction of New FLFO New Money Loan commitments will be limited (on a ratable basis) such that the Sponsor Backstop Party's funded aggregate principal amount of New FLFO New Money Loans shall in no event be below \$65 million; provided, further that such First Lien Term Lenders or Second Lien Term Lenders may elect to limit any such oversubscription to reduction of the First Lien Term Lenders' and Second Lien Term Lenders' New FLFO New Money Loan commitments.

On the Effective Date, as consideration for the Lender Backstop Parties' respective Backstop Commitments: (a) each Lender Backstop Party shall receive its pro rata share (based on such Lender Backstop Party's proportionate share of the aggregate Backstop Commitments of all of the Lender Backstop Parties) of the Lender Backstop Commitment Premium; and (b) each First Lien Term Lender that is also a Lender Backstop Party shall receive its pro rata share of \$30 million of the New FLFO Roll-Up Loans (based on such First Lien Term Lender's proportionate share of the Backstop Commitments in respect of the two-thirds of the \$125 million of the New FLFO New Money Loans backstopped by the Lender Backstop Parties that are First Lien Term Lenders).

Each First Lien Term Lender that funds at least its pro rata share of two-thirds of \$125 million of the New FLFO New Money Loans shall receive on the Effective Date as consideration for its commitment to fund the New FLFO New Money Loans (a) its pro rata share (based on such First Lien Term Lender's total funding of New FLFO New Money Loans out of two-thirds of \$125 million of New FLFO New Money Loans) of \$45 million of the New FLFO Roll-Up Loans; and (b) a New FLFO Loans Commitment Premium.² The Reorganized Debtors shall not treat distributions pursuant to the Plan of amounts or loans described in this Article IV.D.2 as giving rise to withholding under section 1441 of the Internal Revenue Code, except (a) as required by a change in applicable law after the date hereof, or (b) with respect to any Holder of a Claim of Interest, if such Holder fails to provide an IRS Form W-9 or W-8 establishing an exemption from withholding under section 1441 of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to payments of interest.

3. New Second Lien Credit Facility.

On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall enter into the New Second Lien Credit Facility, the terms of which will be set forth in the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents. Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed approval of the New Second Lien Credit Facility and the New

² In addition to the foregoing, a supplemental fee of \$12 million will be paid to and divided between certain Consenting First Lien Term Lenders pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter.

Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, expenses, and other payments provided for therein, and authorization of the Reorganized Debtors to enter into and execute the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents and such other documents as may be required to effectuate the treatment afforded by the New Second Lien Credit Facility. For the avoidance of doubt, the New Second Lien Credit Agreement may be effectuated through an amendment and restatement of the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement. Execution of the New Second Lien Credit Agreement by the New Second Lien Credit Facility Agent shall be deemed to bind all Holders of Second Lien Term Loan Claims as if each such Holder had executed the New Second Lien Credit Agreement with appropriate authorization.

On the Effective Date, all of the claims, Liens, and security interests to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended in accordance with the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents shall, as applicable, (a) be deemed to be granted, carried forward, continued, amended, or extended to secure the New Second Lien Credit Facility, (b) be legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, (c) be deemed automatically perfected on the Effective Date, subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the New Second Lien Credit Facility Documents, and (d) not be subject to recharacterization or equitable subordination for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers or fraudulent conveyances under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Reorganized Debtors and the persons and entities granted such Liens and security interests shall be authorized to make all filings and recordings, and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, federal, or other law that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required), and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

4. New Common Stock.

Reorganized Belk Holdings shall be authorized to issue a certain number of shares, units, or other interests of New Common Stock pursuant to its New Organizational Documents and the New Shareholders Agreement. On the Effective Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall issue all securities, notes, instruments, certificates, and other documents required to be issued pursuant to the Plan and the applicable Definitive Documentation.

All of the shares, units, or other interests constituting New Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan, the New Shareholders Agreement, and the Definitive Documentation shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable. Each distribution and issuance referred to in Article VI hereof shall be governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan applicable to such distribution or issuance and by the terms and conditions of the instruments evidencing or relating to such distribution or issuance, which terms and conditions shall bind each Entity receiving such distribution or issuance.

E. *Corporate Existence.*

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, each Debtor shall continue to exist after the Effective Date as a separate corporate Entity, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, with all the powers of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, pursuant to the applicable law in the jurisdiction in which each applicable Debtor is incorporated or formed and pursuant to the certificate of incorporation and by-laws (or other formation documents) in

effect prior to the Effective Date, except to the extent such certificate of incorporation and by-laws (or other formation documents) are amended under the Plan or otherwise, and to the extent such documents are amended, such documents are deemed to be amended pursuant to the Plan and require no further action or approval (other than any requisite filings required under applicable state, provincial, or federal law).

F. Vesting of Assets in the Reorganized Debtors.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated herein, on the Effective Date, all property in each Estate, all Causes of Action, and any property acquired by any of the Debtors pursuant to the Plan shall vest in each respective Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, Causes of Action, or other encumbrances. On and after the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, each Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and may use, acquire, or dispose of property and compromise or settle any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules.

G. Cancellation of Existing Agreements and Interests.

On the Effective Date, except with respect to the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement (if amended and restated in connection with consummation of the Plan), the First Lien Term Loan Documents (including any pre-existing mortgage, deed of trust, Lien, pledge, or other security interest granted in connection therewith that shall be carried forward, continued, amended, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, to secure the New First Lien Credit Facility or the First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement (if amended and restated in connection with consummation of the Plan)), the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement (if amended and restated in connection with consummation of the Plan), the Second Lien Term Loan Documents (including any pre-existing mortgage, deed of trust, Lien, pledge, or other security interest granted in connection therewith that shall be carried forward, continued, amended, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, to secure the New Second Lien Credit Facility or the Second Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement (if amended and restated in connection with consummation of the Plan)), the ABL Credit Agreement (if amended and restated, refinanced or deemed to be reaffirmed in connection with the New ABL Facility), the ABL Loan Documents (including any pre-existing mortgage, deed of trust, Lien, pledge, or other security interest granted in connection therewith that shall be carried forward, continued, amended, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, to secure the New ABL Facility or the New ABL Credit Agreement (if amended and restated in connection with consummation of the Plan)), or to the extent otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated herein, all notes, instruments, certificates, and other documents evidencing Claims or Interests, including credit agreements and indentures, shall be cancelled and the obligations of the Debtors and any non-Debtor Affiliate thereunder or in any way related thereto shall be deemed satisfied in full, cancelled, discharged, and of no force or effect. Holders of or parties to such cancelled instruments, securities, and other documentation will have no rights arising from or relating to such instruments, securities, and other documentation, or the cancellation thereof, except the rights provided for pursuant to this Plan.

H. Corporate Action.

Upon the Effective Date, all actions contemplated under the Plan shall be deemed authorized and approved in all respects, including: (1) adoption or assumption, as applicable, of the Employment Obligations; (2) selection of the directors, officers, or managers for the Reorganized Debtors; (3) the issuance of the New Common Stock and entry into the New Shareholders Agreement; (4) implementation of the Restructuring Transactions; (5) entry into the New Credit Facilities Documents and the New ABL Facility Documents; (6) all other actions contemplated under the Plan (whether to occur before, on, or after

the Effective Date); (7) adoption of the New Organizational Documents; (8) the rejection, assumption, or assumption and assignment, as applicable, of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; and (9) all other acts or actions contemplated or reasonably necessary or appropriate to promptly consummate the Restructuring Transactions contemplated by the Plan (whether to occur before, on, or after the Effective Date). All matters provided for in the Plan involving the corporate structure of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, and any corporate action required by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be in effect, without any requirement of further action by the security Holders, directors, officers, or managers of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable. On or (as applicable) prior to the Effective Date, the appropriate officers of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall be authorized and (as applicable) directed to issue, execute, and deliver the agreements, documents, securities, and instruments contemplated under the Plan (or necessary or desirable to effect the transactions contemplated under the Plan) in the name of and on behalf of the Reorganized Debtors, including the New Common Stock, the New Organizational Documents, the New Credit Facilities, the New Credit Facilities Documents, the New ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility Documents, and any and all other agreements, documents, securities, and instruments relating to the foregoing. Additionally, each recipient of New Common Stock shall execute the New Shareholders Agreement as soon as reasonably practicable, provided, however, that on the Effective Date, each recipient of New Common Stock shall be deemed to be a party to the New Shareholders Agreement without the need for execution of the New Shareholders Agreement by such recipient. The authorizations and approvals contemplated by this Article IV.H shall be effective notwithstanding any requirements under non-bankruptcy law.

I. New Organizational Documents.

Each of the Reorganized Debtors will file its New Organizational Documents with the applicable Secretaries of State and/or other applicable authorities in its respective state, province, or country of incorporation in accordance with the terms set forth in the New Shareholders Agreement and the corporate laws of the respective state, province, or country of incorporation. The New Organizational Documents will prohibit the issuance of non-voting Equity Securities, to the extent required under section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt, the New Organizational Documents shall be included as exhibits to the Plan Supplement.

J. Directors and Officers of Reorganized Debtors.

As of the Effective Date, the term of the current members of the Debtors' respective Governing Bodies shall expire, and the members for the initial term of the New Board shall be designated and appointed in accordance with the terms set forth in the New Shareholders Agreement. The initial members of the New Board will be identified in the Plan Supplement, to the extent known at the time of filing. Each such member and officer of the Reorganized Debtors shall serve from and after the Effective Date pursuant to the terms of the New Organizational Documents, the New Shareholders Agreement, and other constituent documents of the Reorganized Debtors.

K. Effectuating Documents; Further Transactions.

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors and the New Board are authorized to and may issue, execute, deliver, file, or record such contracts, Securities, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate, implement, and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan and the Securities issued pursuant to the Plan in the name of and on behalf of the Reorganized Debtors, without the need for any approvals, authorization, or consents except for those expressly required pursuant to the Plan.

L. Certain Securities Law Matters

The issuance and distribution of the Securities as contemplated by Articles III and IV.D of the Plan shall be exempt from, among other things, the registration requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act and any other applicable law requiring registration prior to the offering, issuance, distribution, or sale of Securities in accordance with, and pursuant to, section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code. Such Securities will be freely tradable in the United States by the recipients thereof, subject to the provisions of section 1145(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and compliance with applicable securities laws and any rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such Securities or instruments and subject to any restrictions in the New Organizational Documents.

M. Section 1146 Exemption.

To the fullest extent permitted by section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers (whether from a Debtor to a Reorganized Debtor or to any other Person) of property under the Plan or pursuant to: (1) the issuance, Reinstatement, distribution, transfer, or exchange of any debt, Equity Security, or other interest in the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors; (2) the Restructuring Transactions; (3) the creation, modification, consolidation, termination, refinancing, and/or recording of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest, or the securing of additional indebtedness by such or other means; (4) the making, assignment, or recording of any lease or sublease; (5) the grant of collateral as security for any or all of the New Credit Facilities or the New ABL Facility; or (6) the making, delivery, or recording of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with, the Plan, including any deeds, bills of sale, assignments, or other instrument of transfer executed in connection with any transaction arising out of, contemplated by, or in any way related to the Plan, shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing or recording fee, regulatory filing or recording fee, or other similar tax or governmental assessment, and upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents shall forego the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax, recordation fee, or governmental assessment. All filing or recording officers (or any other Person with authority over any of the foregoing), wherever located and by whomever appointed, shall comply with the requirements of section 1146(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall forego the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment, and shall accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax or governmental assessment.

N. Employee Matters.

Unless otherwise provided herein, and subject to Article V of the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors shall assume all employment agreements, indemnification agreements, or other agreements with current and former members of any Governing Body, employees, officers, directors, or managers of the Debtors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code, from and after the Effective Date, all retiree benefits (as such term is defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code), if any, shall continue to be paid in accordance with applicable law.

O. Preservation of Causes of Action.

In accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, but subject to Article VIII hereof, the Reorganized Debtors shall retain and may enforce all rights to commence and pursue, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, including any actions specifically

enumerated in the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action, and the Reorganized Debtors' rights to commence, prosecute, or settle such Causes of Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date, other than the Causes of Action released by the Debtors pursuant to the releases and exculpations contained in the Plan, including in Article VIII.

The Reorganized Debtors may pursue such Causes of Action, as appropriate, in accordance with the best interests of the Reorganized Debtors. **No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Disclosure Statement to any Cause of Action against it as any indication that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, will not pursue any and all available Causes of Action against it.** The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, expressly reserve all rights to prosecute any and all Causes of Action against any Entity, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, including Article VIII of the Plan. Unless any Causes of Action against an Entity are expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or a Bankruptcy Court order, the Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve all Causes of Action, for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of the Confirmation or Consummation.

The Reorganized Debtors reserve and shall retain such Causes of Action notwithstanding the rejection or repudiation of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease during the Chapter 11 Cases or pursuant to the Plan. In accordance with section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, any Causes of Action that a Debtor may hold against any Entity shall vest in the applicable Reorganized Debtor, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, including Article VIII of the Plan. The Reorganized Debtors, through their authorized agents or representatives, shall retain and may exclusively enforce any and all such Causes of Action. The Reorganized Debtors shall have the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to determine and to initiate, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, withdraw, or litigate to judgment any such Causes of Action and to decline to do any of the foregoing without the consent or approval of any third party or further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

P. Closing the Chapter 11 Cases.

Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall be permitted to close all of the Chapter 11 Cases except for one of the Chapter 11 Cases as determined by the Reorganized Debtors, and any contested matters relating to each of the Debtors, including objections to Claims, shall be administered and heard in such Chapter 11 Case.

ARTICLE V. **TREATMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES**

A. Assumption and Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

Each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed assumed, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, as of the Effective Date under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. The assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases hereunder may include the assignment of certain of such contracts to Affiliates. The Confirmation Order will constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the above-described assumptions and assignments.

Except as otherwise provided herein or agreed to by the Debtors and the applicable counterparty, each assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements related thereto, and all rights related thereto, if any,

including all easements, licenses, permits, rights, privileges, immunities, options, rights of first refusal, and any other interests. Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtors during the Chapter 11 Cases shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith.

B. Indemnification Obligations.

All Indemnification Provisions, consistent with applicable law, currently in place (whether in the by-laws, certificates of incorporation or formation, limited liability company agreements, limited partnership agreements, other organizational documents, board resolutions, indemnification agreements, employment contracts, or otherwise) for the current and former members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of, or acting on behalf of, the Debtors, as applicable, shall be reinstated and remain intact, irrevocable, and shall survive the Effective Date on terms no less favorable to such current and former members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of, or acting on behalf of, the Debtors than the indemnification provisions in place prior to the Effective Date.

On or before the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall and are authorized to procure the New D&O Tail Coverage. For the avoidance of doubt, following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors will not terminate or otherwise reduce the coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policies in effect or purchased as of the Petition Date, and all members, managers, directors, and officers of the Company Parties who served in such capacity at any time prior to the Effective Date or any other individuals covered by such insurance policies, will be entitled to the full benefits of any such policy for the full term of such policy regardless of whether such members, managers, directors, officers, or other individuals remain in such positions after the Effective Date.

C. Cure of Defaults for Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

Any monetary defaults under each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease to be assumed pursuant to the Plan shall be satisfied, pursuant to section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by payment of the default amount in Cash on the Effective Date or in the ordinary course of business, subject to the limitation described below, or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases may otherwise agree. In the event of a dispute regarding (1) the amount of any payments to cure such a default, (2) the ability of the Reorganized Debtors or any assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed, or (3) any other matter pertaining to assumption, the Bankruptcy Court shall hear such dispute prior to the assumption becoming effective. The Cure payments required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be made following the entry of a Final Order or orders resolving the dispute and approving the assumption and shall not prevent or delay implementation of the Plan or the occurrence of the Effective Date.

Assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and full payment of any applicable Cure pursuant to this Article V.C shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Cures, Claims, or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption. **Any and all Proofs of Claim based upon Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that have been assumed in the Chapter 11 Cases, including pursuant to the Confirmation Order, and for which any Cure has been fully paid pursuant to this Article V.C, shall**

be deemed disallowed and expunged as of the Effective Date without the need for any objection thereto or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

D. Insurance Policies.

Each of the Debtors' insurance policies and any agreements, documents, or instruments relating thereto, are treated as Executory Contracts under the Plan. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date, (1) the Debtors shall be deemed to have assumed all insurance policies and any agreements, documents, and instruments relating to coverage of all insured Claims and (2) such insurance policies and any agreements, documents, or instruments relating thereto shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors.

E. Reservation of Rights.

Nothing contained in the Plan or the Plan Supplement, shall constitute an admission by the Debtors that any such contract or lease is in fact an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that any of the Reorganized Debtors have any liability thereunder. If there is a dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or unexpired at the time of assumption or rejection, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have thirty (30) days following entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute to alter its treatment of such contract or lease under the Plan.

F. Nonoccurrence of Effective Date.

In the event that the Effective Date does not occur, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to any request to extend the deadline for assuming or rejecting Unexpired Leases pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

G. Contracts and Leases Entered Into After the Petition Date.

Contracts and leases entered into after the Petition Date by any Debtor, including any Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases assumed by such Debtor, will be performed by the applicable Debtor or the Reorganized Debtors liable thereunder in the ordinary course of their business. Accordingly, such contracts and leases (including any assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases) will survive and remain unaffected by entry of the Confirmation Order.

ARTICLE VI.
PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISTRIBUTIONS

A. Timing and Calculation of Amounts to Be Distributed.

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date (or if a Claim is not an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest on the Effective Date, on the date that such Claim or Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), each holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest (as applicable) shall receive the full amount of the distributions that the Plan provides for Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests (as applicable) in the applicable Class. In the event that any payment or act under the Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not a Business Day, then the making of such payment or the performance of such act may be completed on the next succeeding Business Day, but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date. If and to the extent that there are Disputed Claims or Disputed Interests, distributions on account of any such Disputed Claims or Disputed Interests shall be made pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article VII hereof. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, holders of Claims or Interests shall not be entitled to interest, dividends, or

accruals on the distributions provided for in the Plan, regardless of whether such distributions are delivered on or at any time after the Effective Date.

B. Disbursing Agent.

All distributions under the Plan shall be made by the Disbursing Agent on the Effective Date. The Disbursing Agent shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of its duties unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. Additionally, in the event that the Disbursing Agent is so otherwise ordered, all costs and expenses of procuring any such bond or surety shall be borne by the Reorganized Debtors.

C. Rights and Powers of Disbursing Agent.

1. Powers of the Disbursing Agent.

The Disbursing Agent shall be empowered to: (a) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties under the Plan; (b) make all distributions contemplated hereby; (c) employ professionals to represent it with respect to its responsibilities; and (d) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Disbursing Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to the Plan, or as deemed by the Disbursing Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions hereof.

2. Expenses Incurred On or After the Effective Date.

Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the amount of any reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Disbursing Agent on or after the Effective Date (including taxes), and any reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement claims (including reasonable attorney fees and expenses), made by the Disbursing Agent shall be paid in Cash by the Reorganized Debtors.

D. Delivery of Distributions and Undeliverable or Unclaimed Distributions.

1. Record Date for Distribution.

On the Distribution Record Date, the Claims Register shall be closed and any party responsible for making distributions shall instead be authorized and entitled to recognize only those record Holders listed on the Claims Register as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date.

2. Delivery of Distributions in General.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Disbursing Agent shall make distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests (as applicable) as of the Distribution Record Date at the address for each such Holder as indicated on the Debtors' records as of the date of any such distribution; *provided* that the manner of such distributions shall be determined at the discretion of the Reorganized Debtors; *provided further* that the address for each Holder of an Allowed Claim shall be deemed to be the address set forth in any Proof of Claim Filed by that Holder.

3. Minimum Distributions.

No fractional shares of New Common Stock shall be distributed and no Cash shall be distributed in lieu of such fractional amounts. When any distribution pursuant to the Plan on account of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest (as applicable) would otherwise result in the issuance of a number of shares of

New Common Stock that is not a whole number, the actual distribution of shares of New Common Stock shall be rounded as follows: (a) fractions of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or greater shall be rounded to the next higher whole number and (b) fractions of less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) shall be rounded to the next lower whole number with no further payment therefore. The total number of authorized shares of New Common Stock to be distributed to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests (as applicable) shall be adjusted as necessary to account for the foregoing rounding.

4. Undeliverable Distributions and Unclaimed Property.

In the event that any distribution to any Holder of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests (as applicable) is returned as undeliverable, no distribution to such Holder shall be made unless and until the Disbursing Agent has determined the then-current address of such Holder, at which time such distribution shall be made to such Holder without interest; *provided* that such distributions shall be deemed unclaimed property under section 347(b) of the Bankruptcy Code at the expiration of one year from the Effective Date. After such date, all unclaimed property or interests in property shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors automatically and without need for a further order by the Bankruptcy Court (notwithstanding any applicable federal, provincial or state escheat, abandoned, or unclaimed property laws to the contrary), and the Claim of any Holder of Claims and Interests to such property or Interest in property shall be discharged and forever barred.

E. *Manner of Payment.*

At the option of the Disbursing Agent, any Cash payment to be made hereunder may be made by check or wire transfer or as otherwise required or provided in applicable agreements.

F. *Compliance with Tax Requirements.*

In connection with the Plan, to the extent applicable, the Reorganized Debtors shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all distributions made pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Reorganized Debtors and the Disbursing Agent shall be authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with such withholding and reporting requirements, including liquidating a portion of the distribution to be made under the Plan to generate sufficient funds to pay applicable withholding taxes, withholding distributions pending receipt of information necessary to facilitate such distributions, or establishing any other mechanisms they believe are reasonable and appropriate. The Reorganized Debtors reserve the right to allocate all distributions made under the Plan in compliance with all applicable wage garnishments, alimony, child support, and other spousal awards, Liens, and encumbrances.

G. *Allocations.*

Distributions in respect of Allowed Claims shall be allocated first to the principal amount of such Claims (as determined for federal income tax purposes) and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds the principal amount of the Claims, to any portion of such Claims for accrued but unpaid interest.

H. *No Postpetition Interest on Claims.*

Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, or required by applicable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy law, postpetition interest shall not accrue or be paid on any prepetition Claims against the Debtors, and no Holder of a prepetition Claim against the Debtors shall be entitled to interest accruing on or after the Petition Date on any such prepetition Claim. Additionally, and

without limiting the foregoing, interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Disputed Claim with respect to the period from the Effective Date to the date a final distribution is made on account of such Disputed Claim, if and when such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.

I. Foreign Currency Exchange Rate.

Except as otherwise provided in a Bankruptcy Court order, as of the Effective Date, any Claim asserted in currency other than U.S. dollars shall be automatically deemed converted to the equivalent U.S. dollar value using the exchange rate for the applicable currency as published in *The Wall Street Journal (National Edition)*, on the Effective Date.

J. Setoffs and Recoupment.

Except as expressly provided in this Plan, each Reorganized Debtor may, pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, set off and/or recoup against any Plan Distributions to be made on account of any Allowed Claim, any and all claims, rights, and Causes of Action that such Reorganized Debtor may hold against the Holder of such Allowed Claim to the extent such setoff or recoupment is either (1) agreed in amount among the relevant Reorganized Debtor(s) and Holder of Allowed Claim or (2) otherwise adjudicated by the Bankruptcy Court or another court of competent jurisdiction; *provided* that neither the failure to effectuate a setoff or recoupment nor the allowance of any Claim hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by a Reorganized Debtor or its successor of any and all claims, rights, and Causes of Action that such Reorganized Debtor or its successor may possess against the applicable Holder. In no event shall any Holder of Claims against, or Interests in, the Debtors be entitled to recoup any such Claim or Interest against any claim, right, or Cause of Action of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, unless such Holder actually has performed such recoupment and provided notice thereof in writing to the Debtors in accordance with Article XII.G of the Plan on or before the Effective Date, notwithstanding any indication in any Proof of Claim or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of recoupment.

K. Claims Paid or Payable by Third Parties.

1. Claims Paid by Third Parties.

The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall reduce in full a Claim, and such Claim shall be disallowed without a Claim objection having to be Filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, to the extent that the Holder of such Claim receives payment in full on account of such Claim from a party that is not a Debtor or a Reorganized Debtor. Subject to the last sentence of this paragraph, to the extent a Holder of a Claim receives a distribution on account of such Claim and receives payment from a party that is not a Debtor or a Reorganized Debtor on account of such Claim, such Holder shall, within 14 days of receipt thereof, repay or return the distribution to the applicable Reorganized Debtor, to the extent the Holder's total recovery on account of such Claim from the third party and under the Plan exceeds the amount of such Claim as of the date of any such distribution under the Plan. The failure of such Holder to timely repay or return such distribution shall result in the Holder owing the applicable Reorganized Debtor annualized interest at the Federal Judgment Rate on such amount owed for each Business Day after the 14-day grace period specified above until the amount is repaid.

2. Claims Payable by Third Parties.

No distributions under the Plan shall be made on account of an Allowed Claim that is payable pursuant to one of the Debtors' insurance policies until the Holder of such Allowed Claim has exhausted all remedies with respect to such insurance policy. To the extent that one or more of the Debtors' insurers

agrees to satisfy in full or in part a Claim (if and to the extent adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction), then immediately upon such insurers' agreement, the applicable portion of such Claim may be expunged without a Claim objection having to be Filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

3. Applicability of Insurance Policies.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims shall be in accordance with the provisions of any applicable insurance policy. Nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of any Cause of Action that the Debtors or any Entity may hold against any other Entity, including insurers under any policies of insurance, nor shall anything contained herein constitute or be deemed a waiver by such insurers of any defenses, including coverage defenses, held by such insurers.

ARTICLE VII.
PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING CONTINGENT,
UNLIQUIDATED, AND DISPUTED CLAIMS

A. Disputed Claims Process.

Notwithstanding section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and in light of the Unimpaired status of all Allowed General Unsecured Claims under the Plan, except as required by the Plan, Holders of Claims need not File Proofs of Claim, and the Reorganized Debtors and the Holders of Claims shall determine, adjudicate, and resolve any disputes over the validity and amounts of such Claims in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced except that (unless expressly waived pursuant to the Plan) the Allowed amount of such Claims shall be subject to the limitations or maximum amounts permitted by the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 502 and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent applicable. All Proofs of Claim filed in these Chapter 11 Cases shall be considered objected to and Disputed without further action by the Debtors. Upon the Effective Date, all Proofs of Claim filed against the Debtors, regardless of the time of filing, and including Proofs of Claim filed after the Effective Date, shall be deemed withdrawn and expunged, other than as provided below. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, disputes regarding the amount of any Cure pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Claims that the Debtors seek to have determined by the Bankruptcy Court, shall in all cases be determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no requirement to File a Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest (or move the Bankruptcy Court for allowance) to be an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Entities must File Cure objections as set forth in Article V.C of the Plan to the extent such Entity disputes the amount of the Cure paid or proposed to be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors to a counterparty. **Except as otherwise provided herein, all Proofs of Claim filed after the Effective Date shall be disallowed and forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against any Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtors or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.**

B. Allowance of Claims.

After the Effective Date and subject to the terms of this Plan, each of the Reorganized Debtors shall have and retain any and all rights and defenses such Debtor had with respect to any Claim or Interest immediately prior to the Effective Date. The Debtors may affirmatively determine to deem Unimpaired Claims Allowed to the same extent such Claims would be allowed under applicable non-bankruptcy law.

C. Claims Administration Responsibilities.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall have the sole authority: (1) to File, withdraw, or litigate to judgment, objections to Claims or Interests; (2) to settle or compromise any Disputed Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court; and (3) to administer and adjust the Claims Register to reflect any such settlements or compromises without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court. For the avoidance of doubt, except as otherwise provided herein, from and after the Effective Date, each Reorganized Debtor shall have and retain any and all rights and defenses such Debtor had immediately prior to the Effective Date with respect to any Disputed Claim or Interest.

Any objections to Claims and Interests other than General Unsecured Claims shall be served and filed on or before the 180th day after the Effective Date or by such later date as ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. All Claims and Interests other than General Unsecured Claims not objected to by the end of such 180-day period shall be deemed Allowed unless such period is extended upon approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors shall be entitled to dispute and/or otherwise object to any General Unsecured Claim in accordance with applicable nonbankruptcy law. If the Debtors, or Reorganized Debtors dispute any General Unsecured Claim, such dispute shall be determined, resolved, or adjudicated, as the case may be, in the manner as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced. In any action or proceeding to determine the existence, validity, or amount of any General Unsecured Claim, any and all claims or defenses that could have been asserted by the applicable Debtor(s) or the Entity holding such General Unsecured Claim are preserved as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced.

D. Adjustment to Claims or Interests without Objection.

Any duplicate Claim or Interest or any Claim or Interest that has been paid, satisfied, amended, or superseded may be adjusted or expunged on the Claims Register by the Reorganized Debtors without the Reorganized Debtors having to File an application, motion, complaint, objection, or any other legal proceeding seeking to object to such Claim or Interest and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

E. Disallowance of Claims or Interests.

All Claims and Interests of any Entity from which property is sought by the Debtors under sections 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors allege is a transferee of a transfer that is avoidable under sections 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be disallowed if: (a) the Entity, on the one hand, and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, on the other hand, agree or the Bankruptcy Court has determined by Final Order that such Entity or transferee is liable to turn over any property or monies under any of the aforementioned sections of the Bankruptcy Code; and (b) such Entity or transferee has failed to turn over such property by the date set forth in such agreement or Final Order.

ARTICLE VIII.
SETTLEMENT, RELEASE, INJUNCTION, AND RELATED PROVISIONS

A. Discharge of Claims and Termination of Interests.

Pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or in any contract, instrument, or other agreement or document created or entered into pursuant to the Plan, the distributions, rights, and treatment that are provided in the Plan shall be in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release, effective as of the Effective Date, of Claims (including any Intercompany Claims resolved or compromised after the Effective Date by the Reorganized Debtors), Interests, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on Claims or Interests from and after the Petition Date, whether known or unknown, against, liabilities of, Liens on, obligations of, rights against, and Interests in, the Debtors or any of their assets or properties, regardless of whether any property shall have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims or Interests, including demands, liabilities, and Causes of Action that arose before the Effective Date, any liability (including withdrawal liability) to the extent such Claims or Interests relate to services performed by employees of the Debtors prior to the Effective Date and that arise from a termination of employment, any contingent or non-contingent liability on account of representations or warranties issued on or before the Effective Date, and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case whether or not: (1) a Proof of Claim based upon such debt or right is Filed or deemed Filed pursuant to section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code; (2) a Claim or Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Allowed pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (3) the Holder of such a Claim or Interest has accepted the Plan. The Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of the discharge of all Claims and Interests subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date.

B. Release of Liens.

Except as otherwise provided in the New Credit Facilities Documents (including to the extent any First Lien Term Loan Documents or Second Lien Term Loan Documents are amended and restated or deemed to be New Credit Facilities Documents, including in connection with any pre-existing mortgage, deed of trust, Lien, pledge, or other security interest that shall be carried forward, continued, amended, or extended with respect to the Reorganized Debtors' assets, as set forth under the New Credit Facilities Documents), the New ABL Facility Documents (including with respect to the ABL Facility, to the extent any ABL Loan Documents are amended and restated or deemed to be New ABL Facility Documents), this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan and, in the case of a Secured Claim, satisfaction in full of the portion of the Secured Claim that is Allowed as of the Effective Date, except for Other Secured Claims that the Debtors elect to reinstate in accordance with Article III.B.1 hereof, all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estates shall be fully released and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any Holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors and their successors and assigns. Any Holder of such Secured Claim (and the applicable agents for such Holder) shall be authorized and directed, at the sole cost and expense of the Reorganized Debtors, to release any collateral or other property of any Debtor (including any cash collateral and possessory collateral) held by such Holder (and the applicable agents for such Holder), and to take such actions as may be reasonably requested by the Reorganized Debtors to evidence the release of such Lien, including the execution, delivery, and filing or recording of such releases. The presentation or filing of the Confirmation Order to or with any federal, state, provincial, or local agency or department shall constitute good and sufficient evidence of, but shall not be required to effect, the termination of such Liens.

C. *Releases by the Debtors.*

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates, as applicable, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, their Estates, or other Entity, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the ownership and/or operation of the Debtors by any Released Party or the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Debtors, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors by Released Parties other than the Consenting Stakeholders), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), any other Definitive Documentation, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related or relating to any of the foregoing taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan, including the New Credit Facilities Documents and the New ABL Facility Documents, or any Claim or obligation arising under the Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Debtor Release, which includes by reference each of the related

provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by each of the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' substantial contributions to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (b) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtor Release; (c) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (d) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (e) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (f) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

D. Releases by Holders of Claims and Interests.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan to the contrary, on and after the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released and discharged by each Releasing Party from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the foregoing Entities, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or their Estates or other Entity, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the ownership and/or operation of the Debtors by any Released Party or the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion or enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), any other Definitive Documentation, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the New Credit Facilities, the ABL Facility, the New ABL Facility, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related or relating to any of the

foregoing taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan, including the New Credit Facilities Documents and the New ABL Facility Documents, or any Claim or obligation arising under the Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained herein, and, further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of the Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by each of the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' substantial contributions to facilitating the Restructuring Transactions and implementing the Plan; (d) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Third-Party Release; (e) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (f) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (g) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (h) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

E. Exculpation.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan to the contrary, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law and without affecting or limiting either the Debtor Release or the Third-Party Release, effective as of the Effective Date, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability or obligation for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or termination of the RSA and related prepetition transactions, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) relating to any of the foregoing, created or entered into in connection with the RSA, the Disclosure Statement, the New Credit Facilities, the New ABL Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, any preference, fraudulent transfer, or other avoidance claim arising pursuant to chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for Claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or

regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

F. Injunction.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released, discharged, or are subject to exculpation are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (1) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (2) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (3) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the Estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (4) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (5) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released or settled pursuant to the Plan.

G. Setoff and Recoupment Rights Preserved.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, nothing shall modify the rights, if any, of any Holder of Claims or any current or former party to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, to assert any right of setoff or recoupment that such party may have under applicable non-bankruptcy law.

H. Protections Against Discriminatory Treatment.

Consistent with section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, all Entities, including Governmental Units, shall not discriminate against the Reorganized Debtors or deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to, condition such a grant to, discriminate with respect to such a grant against, the Reorganized Debtors, or another Entity with whom the Reorganized Debtors have been associated, solely because each Debtor has been a debtor under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, has been insolvent before the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases (or during the Chapter 11 Cases but before the Debtors are granted or denied a discharge), or has not paid a debt that is dischargeable in the Chapter 11 Cases.

I. Document Retention.

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may maintain documents in accordance with their standard document retention policy, as may be altered, amended, modified, or supplemented by the Reorganized Debtors.

J. Reimbursement or Contribution.

If the Bankruptcy Court disallows a Claim for reimbursement or contribution of an Entity pursuant to section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, then to the extent that such Claim is contingent as of the time of allowance or disallowance, such Claim shall be forever disallowed and expunged notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless prior to the Confirmation Date: (1) such Claim has been adjudicated as non-contingent or (2) the relevant Holder of a Claim has Filed a non-contingent Proof of Claim on account of such Claim and a Final Order has been entered prior to the Confirmation Date determining such Claim as no longer contingent.

ARTICLE IX.
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN

A. Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date.

It shall be a condition to the Effective Date of the Plan that the following conditions shall have been satisfied or waived pursuant to the provisions of Article IX.B hereof:

1. the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order and such order shall (a) be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, the Required Consenting Stakeholders, and the ABL Agent, and (b) not have been reversed, stayed, dismissed, or vacated;
2. the Debtors shall have obtained all authorizations, consents, regulatory approvals, rulings, or documents that are necessary to implement and effectuate the Plan;
3. the final version of the Plan Supplement and all of the schedules, documents, and exhibits contained therein shall have been Filed in a manner consistent in all material respects with the RSA and the Plan, and the Definitive Documentation shall have been executed and/or effectuated and contain certain terms, conditions, representations, warranties, and covenants consistent with the terms of the RSA (as applicable) and shall be in a form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Stakeholders;
4. all professional fees and expenses of retained professionals required to be approved by the Bankruptcy Court shall have been paid in full or amounts sufficient to pay such fees and expenses after the Effective Date have been placed in the Professional Fee Escrow Account pending approval by the Bankruptcy Court;
5. the RSA and the Backstop Commitment Letter shall remain in full force and effect;
6. all fees and premiums payable pursuant to the RSA and the Backstop Commitment Letter shall have been paid;
7. entry into the New Credit Facilities Documents, and all conditions precedent to the consummation of such New Credit Facilities Documents, shall have been waived or satisfied in accordance with their terms thereof and the closing of such New Credit Facilities Documents shall have occurred;
8. entry into the New ABL Facility Documents, and all conditions precedent to the consummation of such New ABL Facility Documents, shall have been waived or satisfied in accordance with their terms thereof and the closing of such New ABL Facility Documents shall have occurred;

9. the New Common Stock shall have been issued by Reorganized Belk Holdings;
10. the Reorganized Debtors shall have procured or become insured under the New D&O Tail Coverage;
11. to the extent invoiced, the payment in cash in full of all Restructuring Expenses;
12. there shall not have been instituted or threatened or be pending any action, proceeding, application, claim, counterclaim or investigation (whether formal or informal) (or there shall not have been any material adverse development to any action, application, claim, counterclaim or proceeding currently instituted, threatened or pending) before or by any court, governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, or by any other person, domestic or foreign, in connection with the Restructuring Transactions that, in the reasonable judgment of the Debtors, the Required Consenting Lenders, and the Consenting Sponsors would prohibit, prevent, or restrict consummation of the Restructuring Transactions;
13. an order, statute, rule, regulation, executive order, stay, decree, judgment or injunction shall not have been enacted, entered, issued, promulgated, enforced or deemed applicable by any court or governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, that, in the reasonable judgment of the Debtors, the Consenting Sponsor, and the Required Consenting Lenders, would prohibit, prevent, or restrict consummation of the Restructuring Transactions; and
14. the Debtors shall have otherwise substantially consummated the Restructuring Transactions, and all transactions contemplated herein, in a manner consistent in all respects with the RSA and the Plan.

B. Waiver of Conditions.

The conditions to Confirmation and Consummation set forth in this Article IX may be waived by the Debtors with the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Lenders and the Consenting Sponsors (email shall suffice), without notice, leave, or order of the Bankruptcy Court or any formal action other than proceedings to confirm or consummate the Plan; *provided* that the conditions relating to the ABL Facility Claims, solely as they relate to the ABL Facility Claims, may only be waived with the consent of the ABL Agent.

C. Effect of Failure of Conditions.

If Consummation does not occur, the Plan shall be null and void in all respects and nothing contained in the Plan or the Disclosure Statement shall: (1) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by the Debtors, any Holders of Claims or Interests, or any other Entity; (2) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtors, any Holders of Claims or Interests, or any other Entity; or (3) constitute an admission, acknowledgment, offer, or undertaking by the Debtors, any Holders of Claims or Interests, or any other Entity.

ARTICLE X.
MODIFICATION, REVOCATION, OR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PLAN

A. Modification and Amendments.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan and to the extent permitted by the RSA, the Debtors reserve the right to modify the Plan with the prior written consent of the Consenting Sponsors and the Required Consenting Lenders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), whether such

modification is material or immaterial, and seek Confirmation consistent with the Bankruptcy Code and, as appropriate, not resolicit votes on such modified Plan; *provided* that any modification relating to the ABL Facility Claims, solely as such modifications relate to the ABL Facility Claims, may only be waived with the consent of the ABL Agent. Subject to those restrictions on modifications set forth in the RSA and the Plan, and the requirements of section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rule 3019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and, to the extent applicable, sections 1122, 1123, and 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, each of the Debtors expressly reserves its respective rights to revoke or withdraw, or, to alter, amend, or modify the Plan with respect to such Debtor, one or more times, after Confirmation, and, to the extent necessary may initiate proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court to so alter, amend, or modify the Plan, or remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Confirmation Order, in such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of the Plan.

B. Effect of Confirmation on Modifications.

Entry of a Confirmation Order shall mean that all modifications or amendments to the Plan since the solicitation thereof are approved pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and do not require additional disclosure or resolicitation under Bankruptcy Rule 3019.

C. Revocation or Withdrawal of Plan.

To the extent permitted by the RSA, the Debtors reserve the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the Confirmation Date and to file subsequent plans of reorganization. If the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or if Confirmation or Consummation does not occur, then: (1) the Plan shall be null and void in all respects; (2) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount certain of any Claim or Interest or Class of Claims or Interests), assumption or rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases effected under the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed null and void; and (3) nothing contained in the Plan shall: (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims or Interests; (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of such Debtor or any other Entity; or (c) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking of any sort by such Debtor or any other Entity.

ARTICLE XI.
RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

Notwithstanding the entry of the Confirmation Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date, on and after the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising out of, or relating to, the Chapter 11 Cases and the Plan pursuant to sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, including jurisdiction to:

1. allow, disallow, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate, or establish the priority, secured or unsecured status, or amount of any Claim or Interest, including the resolution of any request for payment of any Administrative Claim and the resolution of any and all objections to the secured or unsecured status, priority, amount, or allowance of Claims or Interests;

2. decide and resolve all matters related to the granting and denying, in whole or in part, any applications for allowance of compensation or reimbursement of expenses to Professionals authorized pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or the Plan;

3. resolve any matters related to: (a) the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which a Debtor is party or with respect to which a Debtor

may be liable and to hear, determine, and, if necessary, liquidate, any Claims arising therefrom, including Cure pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) any potential contractual obligation under any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed; (c) the Reorganized Debtors amending, modifying, or supplementing, after the Effective Date, pursuant to Article V hereof, any Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to the list of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be assumed or rejected or otherwise; and (d) any dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or expired;

4. ensure that distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests (as applicable) are accomplished pursuant to the provisions of the Plan;

5. adjudicate, decide, or resolve any motions, adversary proceedings, contested or litigated matters, and any other matters, and grant or deny any applications involving a Debtor that may be pending on the Effective Date;

6. adjudicate, decide, or resolve any and all matters related to section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code;

7. enter and implement such orders as may be necessary to execute, implement, or consummate the provisions of the Plan and all contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, and other agreements or documents created in connection with the Plan or the Disclosure Statement;

8. enter and enforce any order for the sale of property pursuant to sections 363, 1123, or 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code;

9. resolve any cases, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action that may arise in connection with the Consummation, interpretation, or enforcement of the Plan or any Entity's obligations incurred in connection with the Plan;

10. issue injunctions, enter and implement other orders, or take such other actions as may be necessary to restrain interference by any Entity with Consummation or enforcement of the Plan;

11. resolve any cases, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action with respect to the releases, injunctions, exculpations, and other provisions contained in Article VIII hereof and enter such orders as may be necessary or appropriate to implement such releases, injunctions, exculpations, and other provisions;

12. resolve any cases, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action with respect to the repayment or return of distributions and the recovery of additional amounts owed by the Holder of a Claim or Interest for amounts not timely repaid pursuant to Article VI.K hereof;

13. enter and implement such orders as are necessary if the Confirmation Order is for any reason modified, stayed, reversed, revoked, or vacated;

14. determine any other matters that may arise in connection with or relate to the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Confirmation Order, or any contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document created in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Disclosure Statement;

15. enter an order concluding or closing the Chapter 11 Cases;

16. adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan;
17. consider any modifications of the Plan, to cure any defect or omission, or to reconcile any inconsistency in any Bankruptcy Court order, including the Confirmation Order;
18. determine requests for the payment of Claims and Interests entitled to priority pursuant to section 507 of the Bankruptcy Code;
19. hear and determine disputes arising in connection with the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan or the Confirmation Order, including disputes arising under agreements, documents, or instruments executed in connection with the Plan;
20. hear and determine matters concerning state, local, and federal taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code;
21. hear and determine all disputes involving the existence, nature, scope, or enforcement of any exculpations, discharges, injunctions and releases granted in the Plan, including under Article VIII hereof, regardless of whether such termination occurred prior to or after the Effective Date;
22. enforce all orders previously entered by the Bankruptcy Court; and
23. hear any other matter not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code.

As of the Effective Date, notwithstanding anything in this Article XI to the contrary, the New ABL Facility shall be governed by the jurisdictional provisions therein and the Bankruptcy Court shall not retain any jurisdiction with respect thereto.

ARTICLE XII. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

A. *Immediate Binding Effect.*

Subject to Article IX.A hereof and notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 3020(e), 6004(h), or 7062 or otherwise, upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the terms of the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement) shall be immediately effective and enforceable and deemed binding upon the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and any and all Holders of Claims or Interests (irrespective of whether such Claims or Interests are deemed to have accepted the Plan), all Entities that are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, discharges, and injunctions described in the Plan, each Entity acquiring property under the Plan, and any and all non-Debtor parties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases with the Debtors.

B. *Additional Documents.*

On or before the Effective Date, and subject to and consistent in all respects with the terms of the RSA, the Debtors may file with the Bankruptcy Court such agreements and other documents as may be necessary to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan and the RSA. The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and all Holders of Claims or Interests receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan and all other parties in interest shall, from time to time, prepare, execute, and deliver any agreements or documents and take any other actions as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the provisions and intent of the Plan.

C. Payment of Statutory Fees.

All fees payable pursuant to section 1930(a) of the Judicial Code, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at a hearing pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be paid by each of the Reorganized Debtors (or the Disbursing Agent on behalf of each of the Reorganized Debtors) for each quarter (including any fraction thereof) until the Chapter 11 Cases are converted, dismissed, or closed, whichever occurs first.

D. Statutory Committee and Cessation of Fee and Expense Payment.

On the Effective Date, any statutory committee appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases shall dissolve and members thereof shall be released and discharged from all rights and duties from or related to the Chapter 11 Cases. The Reorganized Debtors shall no longer be responsible for paying any fees or expenses incurred by the members of or advisors to any statutory committees after the Effective Date.

E. Reservation of Rights.

Except as expressly set forth in the Plan, the Plan shall have no force or effect unless the Bankruptcy Court shall enter the Confirmation Order, and the Confirmation Order shall have no force or effect if the Effective Date does not occur. None of the Filing of the Plan, any statement or provision contained in the Plan, or the taking of any action by any Debtor with respect to the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Plan Supplement shall be or shall be deemed to be an admission or waiver of any rights of any Debtor with respect to the Holders of Claims or Interests prior to the Effective Date.

F. Successors and Assigns.

The rights, benefits, and obligations of any Entity named or referred to in the Plan shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of any heir, executor, administrator, successor or assign, Affiliate, officer, manager, director, agent, representative, attorney, beneficiaries, or guardian, if any, of each Entity.

G. Notices.

All notices, requests, and demands to or upon the Debtors to be effective shall be in writing (including by facsimile transmission) and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when actually delivered or, in the case of notice by facsimile transmission, when received and telephonically confirmed, addressed as follows:

1. if to the Debtors, to:

Belk, Inc.
2801 West Tyvola Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217
Attention: Stacy S. Gray, Senior Vice President and General Counsel
E-mail address: Stacy_Gray@belk.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Kirkland & Ellis LLP
601 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Attention: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C.
Steven N. Serajeddini, P.C.
Judson A. Oswald, P.C.
Matthew Fagen
Yuli Wang
Rachael Bazinski
E-mail address: joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com
steven.serajeddini@kirkland.com;
judson.oswald@kirkland.com;
matthew.fagen@kirkland.com;
yuli.wang@kirkland.com;
rachael.bazinski@kirkland.com

2. if to the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group:

To each member of the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group at the addresses or e-mail addresses set forth in such member's signature page to the RSA or a joinder thereto, as the case may be.

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Times Square Tower
7 Times Square
New York, New York 10036
Attention: Joseph Zujkowski
Daniel Shamah
Adam P. Haberkorn
E-mail address: jzujkowski@omm.com
dshamah@omm.com
ahaberkorn@omm.com

-and-

O'Melveny & Myers LLP
1999 Avenue of the Stars, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90067
Attention: David J. Johnson Jr.
E-mail address: djohnson@omm.com

3. if to the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group:

To each member of the Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group at the addresses or e-mail addresses set forth in such member's signature page to the RSA or a joinder thereto, as the case may be.

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10019
Attention: Matthew Feldman
Weston T. Eguchi
Debra Sinclair
E-mail address: mfeldman@willkie.com
weguchi@willkie.com
dsinclair@willkie.com

4. if to the Consenting Sponsors, to:

To each Consenting Sponsor at the addresses or e-mail addresses set forth in such Consenting Sponsor's signature page to the RSA or a joinder thereto, as the case may be.

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Latham & Watkins, LLP
885 3rd Avenue
New York, New York 10022
Attention: George A. Davis
Michael W. Benjamin
Joshua A. Tinkelman
Ted A. Dillman
Ebba Gebisa
E-mail address: george.davis@lw.com
michael.benjamin@lw.com
joshua.tinkelman@lw.com
ted.dillman@lw.com
ebba.gebisa@lw.com

5. if to the ABL Agent, to:

Bank of America, N.A.
100 Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
Attention: Christine Hutchinson
E-mail address: christine.hutchinson@bofa.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
One Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
Attention: Julia Frost-Davies
Marjorie S. Crider
Christopher L. Carter
E-mail address: julia.frost-davies@morganlewis.com
marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com
christopher.carter@morganlewis.com

After the Effective Date, the Debtors have authority to send a notice to Entities that to continue to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, such Entity must File a renewed request to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. After the Effective Date, the Debtors are authorized to limit the list of Entities receiving documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 to those Entities who have Filed such renewed requests.

H. Term of Injunctions or Stays.

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, all injunctions or stays in effect in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to sections 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or any order of the Bankruptcy Court, and extant on the Confirmation Date (excluding any injunctions or stays contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order) shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date. All injunctions or stays contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

I. Entire Agreement.

Except as otherwise indicated, and without limiting the effectiveness of the RSA, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement) supersedes all previous and contemporaneous negotiations, promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, and representations on such subjects, all of which have become merged and integrated into the Plan.

J. Exhibits.

All exhibits and documents included in the Plan Supplement are incorporated into and are a part of the Plan as if set forth in full in the Plan. After the exhibits and documents are Filed, copies of such exhibits and documents shall be available upon written request to the Debtors' counsel at the address above or by downloading such exhibits and documents from the Debtors' restructuring website at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/belk> or the Bankruptcy Court's website at www.txss.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy. To the extent any exhibit or document is inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the non-exhibit or non-document portion of the Plan shall control.

K. Nonseverability of Plan Provisions.

If, prior to Confirmation, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the foregoing, is: (1) valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms; (2) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the Debtors' consent, *provided*, that any such deletion or modification must be consistent with the RSA; and (3) nonseverable and mutually dependent.

L. Votes Solicited in Good Faith.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtors will be deemed to have solicited votes on the Plan in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, and pursuant to section 1125(e) of the

Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and each of their respective Affiliates, agents, representatives, members, principals, shareholders, officers, directors, managers, employees, advisors, and attorneys will be deemed to have participated in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code in the offer, issuance, sale, and purchase of securities offered and sold under the Plan and any previous plan, and, therefore, neither any of such parties or individuals or the Reorganized Debtors will have any liability for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of votes on the Plan or the offer, issuance, sale, or purchase of the Securities offered and sold under the Plan and any previous plan.

M. Closing of Chapter 11 Cases.

Promptly after the full administration of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Reorganized Debtors shall File with the Bankruptcy Court all documents required by Bankruptcy Rule 3022 and any applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court to close the Chapter 11 Cases.

N. Waiver or Estoppel.

Each Holder of a Claim or Interest shall be deemed to have waived any right to assert any argument, including the right to argue that its Claim or Interest should be Allowed in a certain amount, in a certain priority, secured or not subordinated by virtue of an agreement made with the Debtors or their counsel, or any other Entity, if such agreement was not disclosed in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or papers Filed with the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Confirmation Date.

Dated: February 23, 2021

BELK, INC.
on behalf of itself and all other Debtors

/s /William Langley

William Langley
Authorized Representative
Belk, Inc.